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Subject: RE: Daily Telegraph newspaper article - Lime Down Solar Park

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your email and attachment.

The application was submitted on 19 September 2025 and the acceptance decision must be taken on or before 17 October 2025. The decision will be published on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

If the application is accepted, the following documents will also be published on the project webpage:

- The application documents.
- Any Adequacy of Consultation Representations submitted by relevant local authorities.
- The Planning Inspectorate's acceptance checklist.

The acceptance tests

Section 55 of the Planning Act 2008 states that an application can be accepted provided:

- it is an application for an order granting development consent;
- that development consent is required for any of the development to which the application relates;
- the Applicant has, in relation to a proposed application that has become the application, complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure); and
- that the application (including accompaniments) is of a standard that the Secretary of State considers satisfactory.

The following must be considered when making the decision:

- a) The Consultation Report received with the application
- b) Any Adequacy of Consultation Representations received by the Planning Inspectorate from a local authority consultee.
- c) The extent to which the Applicant has had regard to government guidance.

If you have sent comments about the **Pre-application consultation**, these can be considered in addition to the statutorily required acceptance tests when making the decision about whether or not to accept the application. However, it will be for the decision maker (the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State) to decide the weight to give to the views expressed based on the individual facts of the case.

If you have sent comments about the **merits of the Proposed Development** (eg setting out support for, or objection to, the principle of the Proposed Development) these cannot be considered at the acceptance stage. Should the application be accepted for Examination you will be able to submit your comments as a 'Relevant Representation' and register as an Interested Party. Your comments must be submitted on the 'Registration and Relevant Representation form' which will be made available on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website at the appropriate time.

Further information about registering as an Interested Party can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's Advice for members of the public: [How to register to have your say and make a relevant representation](#).

You may find it helpful to subscribe to [Get updates](#) by email on the progress of the above application.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]



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Subject: Daily Telegraph newspaper article - Lime Down Solar Park

Dear [REDACTED]

You will have seen the article in Saturday's Daily Telegraph newspaper headed:

Farmers are offered cash to withdraw solar objections (please see attached)

This confirms that Island Green Power (IGP) has been offering very substantial financial inducements of up to £50k to reduce the numbers of people expressing their objections to the proposals for the Lime Down Solar Park. Whilst IGP has withdrawn its letters, it has not (to my knowledge) withdrawn the offers it has made.

PINS is deciding whether to accept IGP's application and you will already be aware of Stop Lime Down's (SLD) report pointing to the serious inadequacies of IGP's consultation. SLD believes that IGP's offer of inducements is a further serious undermining of the Statutory Consultation duty and a material consideration when

PINS comes to its decision on acceptance. I would be grateful if you ensure that this letter is considered by the relevant members of your staff.

With best wishes

Sir Mike Pitt

On behalf of SLD

