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To: Lime Down Solar
Subject: Support for Lime Down Solar
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Dear case officer,

I am writing to register as an Interested Party and to support the Lime Down Solar Farm proposal.

I live between Sherston and Luckington, off the B4040, and I use that road most days for commuting into Malmesbury for work and other activities. I have followed Lime Down since the consultations last year. From a day-to-day point of view, the main impact on us has been the uncertainty around what will actually happen to the fields between Sherston, Luckington and Stanton St Quintin, and how visible the solar panels will be from the road and from public footpaths like LUCK35 and SHER17. I walked some of those paths during the summer consultation and asked about hedgerow strengthening. The developer showed sections where planting would be thickened, and I would like to see that secured in the final consent.

Farmland is a live topic around here. A lot of the discussion in the pub in Sherston has been about food security and whether this land should be growing crops instead. From my perspective, much of the land in this area is lower-value pasture and is already grazed, so combining grazing with solar feels like a reasonable compromise. There are parts of the site closer to the Cotswolds National Landscape that will need careful visual treatment, but I think the set-backs and planting make that manageable without harming the wider character.

Battery safety was another concern I had, especially given the headlines about fires elsewhere. At the Malmesbury event I asked about emergency planning and was told Wiltshire Fire & Rescue would have a full response plan and that the batteries comply with the national standards. As long as that is tied to the consent, I am comfortable with it.

My main reason for supporting Lime Down is energy reliability. We have had several grid flickers and winter outages over the past two years, and National Grid keeps warning about winter margins. Having a large solar and storage project plugged into Melksham makes practical sense for Wiltshire and for the country. I also like the idea of community funding for schools and GP surgeries because those services are stretched locally.

For these reasons I support the Lime Down Solar Farm and would like to participate further as the Examination continues.

Regards,
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