



Procedural Deadline A Submission

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In line with the deadline for submissions in the Rule 6 letter, Stop Lime Down (**SLD**) provides the following information and submissions in relation to Procedural Deadline A.

Examination Procedure

SLD welcomes the indication that the Preliminary Meeting and hearings in the week commencing 20 April 2026 will proceed by way of blended events. SLD understands that it is common for NSIP Examinations to proceed primarily using blended events, and SLD would welcome a direction that all hearings (where feasible) will proceed in this way with both in person and online attendance and submissions. SLD consider that this will maximise the opportunities for engagement throughout the Examination by all parties.

SLD understands that it is common for recordings of all hearings to be made available on the Planning Inspectorate website, and for transcripts to be provided. SLD welcomes this and considers it will again maximise the opportunities for engagement throughout the Examination by all parties.



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In respect of the draft timetable, SLD has no suggestions for changes. However, SLD would respectfully request that the Examining Authority set dates for the hearings in the week commencing 29 June 2026 at an early stage. While recognising that the need for hearings is a matter to be solely determined by the Examining Authority, SLD notes that this is the first opportunity for hearings of all kinds following the submission of the Local Impact Reports and Written Representations at Deadline 1. That dates for hearings are set at an early stage will again maximise opportunities for engagement by all parties, and particularly permit diary management in respect of representatives and experts on all sides. Given the Relevant Representations and the likely content of submissions at Deadline 1, SLD respectfully notes the likelihood that at least one further open floor hearing will be helpful in the week commencing 29 June 2026.¹

SLD notes that the contents of the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues in Annex C of the Rule 6 letter will be discussed at the Preliminary Meeting. SLD notes that this list is intentionally high-level, not comprehensive, and does not preclude other issues being considered. As appropriate, SLD will make submissions in respect of that Assessment at the Preliminary Meeting. SLD recognises that what issues are the subject of Issue Specific Hearings is also a matter to be solely determined by the Examining Authority, but at this time respectfully suggests that the list constitutes a good summary of the key issues for possible Issue Specific Hearings. In line with the guidance at the foot of p.B6 of the Rule 6 letter, SLD will make further submissions on ISHs at the Preliminary Meeting as appropriate.

SLD has no further comments on the draft timetable or examination procedure at this time.

Statements of Common Ground

SLD notes that in Annex F of the Rule 6 letter the Examining Authority has requested that Statements of Common Ground be prepared between the Applicant and a number of parties. SLD considers that it may assist the Examining Authority if the Applicant and SLD were directed to agree a Statement of Common Ground, and as such would invite such a direction. Given the passage of time and the date of the Preliminary Meeting, if the Examining Authority is minded to make such a direction, SLD would suggest that the initial draft be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate at Deadline 2 (rather than Deadline 1), with the final version due to be submitted at the same time as all other Statements of Common Ground (Deadline 7).

If it would assist the Applicant, SLD is content to meet with the Applicant prior to the Preliminary Meeting on this or any other matter.

¹ It is noted that, at p.B6 of the Rule 6 letter, the letter refers to “a further OFH during the week commencing 9 June 2026”. Noting the draft Examination Timetable, this appears to be a typographical error and SLD thinks it should read 29 June 2026.



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Requests to Speak

The Planning Inspectorate will have received requests to speak from SLD in respect of the Preliminary Meeting and Issue Specific Hearing 1 in the week commencing 20 April 2026. SLD hopes to take full and active part in those meetings.

The Planning Inspectorate will not have received a request to speak from SLD in respect of Open Floor Hearing 1 in the week commencing 20 April 2026. This is because SLD considers it would best assist the Examination if it were to reserve its position to speak until after its Written Representation (and attached expert reports) are submitted.² Thus, as directed by the draft Examination Timetable, SLD will make a request to speak at a further Open Floor Hearing by Deadline 1.

Comments on Relevant Representations

SLD welcomes the detailed Relevant Representations made by a wide range of interested parties. SLD has considered those Relevant Representations and is of the view that, insofar as it should make submissions related to them, the appropriate time to do so would be in the Written Representation (noting, among other things, the timeline for the Applicant to consider and comment on those Relevant Representations).

Locations for Site Inspections

An appendix to this letter is provided with suggested locations for site inspections. SLD is open to discussing these suggestions further with the Applicant if that would assist before Deadline 1. SLD will comment as appropriate on the draft ASI itinerary when it becomes available following Deadline 1 (including any matters arising out of the Written Representations and Local Impact Reports).

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of Stop Lime Down

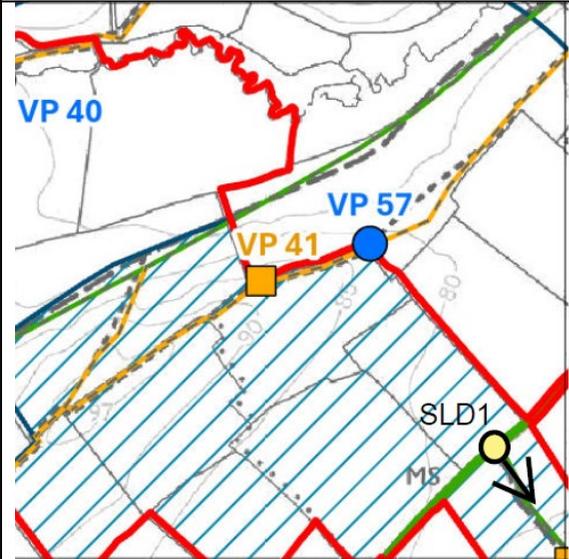
² That is so as to avoid duplication of submissions, and also to allow for SLD's evidence to be in the Examination before it speaks at an OFH (so as to comply with the Rule 6 letter's guidance on properly approaching an OFH at p.B5). Noting the text at p.B6, however, if the Examining Authority consider that it would assist them for SLD speak at OFH1 instead, SLD will comply with that direction.



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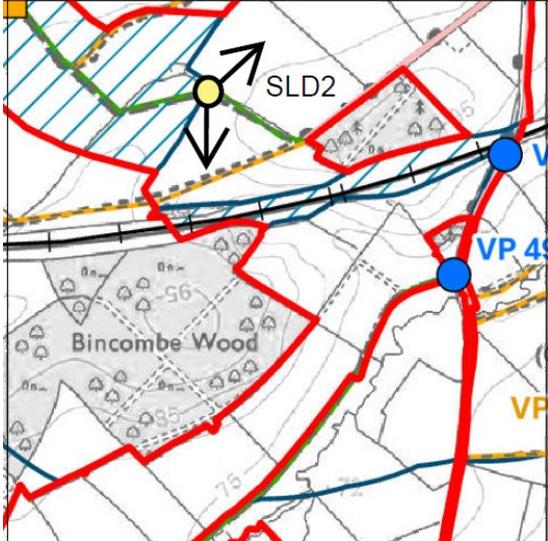
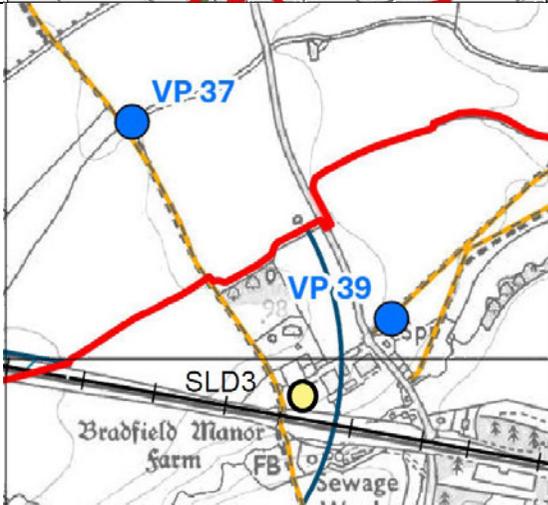
Appendix: Suggested Locations for Site Inspection

1. Below is a list of suggested locations from Stop Lime Down (**SLD**) for the site inspection. SLD have focussed upon those locations which have not already been included within the Applicant's List of Viewpoints [**APP-099**].
2. SLD understands that there will be an opportunity to comment upon the Applicant's draft itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection at Deadline 1 (1 May 2026). SLD will provide further comment to assist at that time.

Location No.	Map	Location Description	Justification
SLD1		Lime Down Area E Viewpoint from A429	Solar panels will be visible to drivers travelling along A429 looking south and southeast. Publicly accessible.



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<p>SLD2</p>			<p>Lime Down Area E</p> <p>View from Bridleway (MALW54)</p>	<p>Bridleway will be enveloped by panels on the north/northeastern side and southern side. Viewpoint sits on proposed substation and BESS Access Track, as well as within the cable route corridor.</p> <p>Publicly accessible.</p>
<p>SLD3</p>			<p>Lime Down Area D</p> <p>Bradfield Manor Farm (Grade 1 listed building)</p>	<p>Views of 400 kV substation and BESS from within the grounds of the Manor and from within the Manor itself, to the northwest. Northern, northeastern and northwestern views of panels.</p> <p>SLD have confirmed with the owners of Bradfield Manor that access can be provided to inspect the location during a visit.</p>



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<p>SLD4</p>		<p>Lime Down Area B</p> <p>Junction of Fosse Way and footpath (SHER11)</p>	<p>Applicant has proposed VP14 which is a junction on the Fosse Way, which SLD agrees with, at SHER 13.</p> <p>SLD proposes an additional location where another footpath meets the Fosse Way, which is closer in vicinity to panel fields, with views of the panels to the east.</p> <p>Glimpsed views of Malmesbury Abbey Bell Tower also possible from this location.</p> <p>Publicly accessible.</p>
<p>SLD5</p>		<p>Lime Down Area A</p> <p>Junction of Fosse Way (BOAT SHER37) and unnamed lane</p>	<p>Views of panels to the west from a junction on the Fosse Way, connecting to the popular Wiltshire Cycleway</p> <p>Publicly accessible.</p>



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<p>SLD6</p>		<p>Lime Down Area A/C</p> <p>View form Grain Store Barn, on Pig Lane</p>	<p>Proposed location within Grain Store Barn, where views of panels will be evident from both the east and west.</p> <p>SLD have confirmed with residents that access can be provided to inspect the location during a visit</p>
<p>SLD7</p>		<p>Lime Down D/E</p> <p>Bridleway MALW (near West Park Farm)</p>	<p>Views of panels and the substation from this location to the southwest.</p> <p>Publicly accessible.</p>

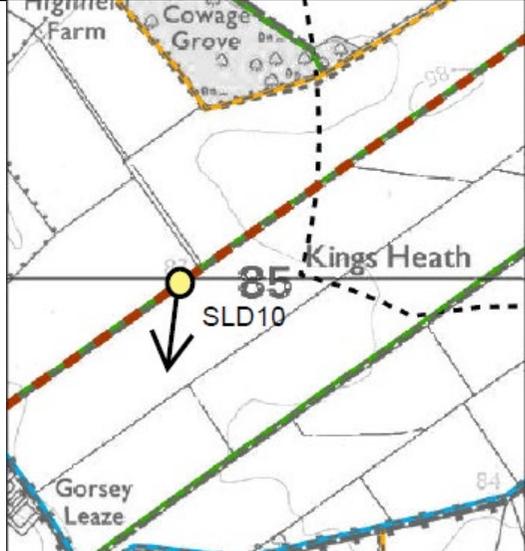


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<p>SLD8</p>		<p>Lime Down D/E</p> <p>Footpath (HULL 8)</p>	<p>Footpath enclosed by panels on north, east and western sides. On the southeastern side enclosed by substation. Views of 400kV Substation and BESS Area possible to the west</p> <p>Publicly accessible.</p>
<p>SLD9</p>		<p>Lime Down Area A</p> <p>View outside Ladyswood Stud</p>	<p>View of panels to the west from outside Ladyswood stud to the west.</p> <p>Publicly accessible.</p>



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SLD10			Lime Down Area B MALW43 Bridleway	Views of panels to the south and 400kV substation and BESS Area to southwest. Publicly accessible
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SLD has noted and attempted to avoid repetition of viewpoints within the Applicant's set of viewpoints [APP-099]. SLD would welcome all of those viewpoints identified by the Applicant being part of one of the site inspections (including the unaccompanied site inspections). For clarity, however, SLD has not provided further viewpoints at the below locations to be proportionate and avoid duplication:

- VP 48
- VP49
- VP52
- VP50
- VP35
- VP13
- VP2
- VP16



- VP29
- VP WC2
- VP 25
- VP9
- VP27
- VP 12A

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