

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Lime Down Solar](#)
Subject: Re: Missing Submission
Date: 07 March 2026 09:57:21

Good morning Deborah

Please find my comments below, please could you confirm receipt given the previous issues I have experienced?

Kind regards
Alex

Dear Planning Inspectorate,

I am writing to ask that you kindly register my comments regarding the Lime Down Solar Park proposal. I accessed your website during November 2025 to submit my comments but they are not showing. I am in my [REDACTED] so I firmly believe this is a system issue and not user error! I do believe you should investigate this as I am aware that I am not the only person or business who's submissions have not been received. In addition, the website had recorded outages and was not accepting comments at various points over at least a 3 day period running up to the deadline. This is something I alerted to you at the time and have plenty of evidence of.

I want to be clear from the outset that I am not opposed to renewable energy. I actively support climate action, energy efficiency, and the transition away from fossil fuels, water security / storage and reduction. I spent a full day this week at a climate project in the north Cotswolds at a rural community which will be net zero by 2027. I believe we should absolutely transition to achieving Net Zero as a country as soon as practical but where possible, without ruining the country and destroying human lives. My objection is not ideological — it is rooted in planning harm, scale, siting, and the profound impact this proposal would have on people and place.

The Lime Down scheme is not a modest energy installation and it will do nothing to benefit the local community towns and villagers, it will actively harm them indefinitely. It is a vast, industrial-scale energy complex covering approximately, incorporating solar arrays, battery storage, substations, security fencing, CCTV, lighting, and associated infrastructure, proposed to operate for around 60 years (so we are told). This represents a permanent industrialisation of open countryside of which in this particular area there is already significantly less available. The tenant farming families and other users of the land in it's current use will never revert. Far more jobs will be lost than created in the medium to longer term.

I am in my [REDACTED] and having worked and saved and made many sacrifices to buy my own home I now find myself in a position where I believe I will be completely trapped. I would [REDACTED] have to live in the same area if these plans go ahead. Should I try to sell the house at a no doubt reduced rate I will lose many thousands of pounds not

just in the reduced price but in all the costs that have come before this, not least the exorbitant amount of taxes paid. I am utterly shocked there is no compensation scheme being put in place like there is for other projects such as HS2. I moved to the area having attended university close by and with family in the area who have lived here for generations. I love our area for its openness, tranquillity, and beauty and there are some truly wonderful communities unlike many other areas of the country. Had this level of industrialisation been known or foreseeable, I would never ever have ever made such a terrible decision to buy my house here. The prospect of living next to a fenced, surveilled energy installation, tearing up the land and pushing out the farmers and wildlife, destroying all the local walks and footpaths has already caused significant distress and anxiety that is well evident, it will would fundamentally change the quality of life and sense of home for thousands of us. I have been to visit a number of smaller scale solar farms at different times of the day and the noise emitted is substantial, they resemble a former nuclear disaster area, sterile and devoid of nature.

The area impacted by this proposed complex is not an empty or degraded landscape (of which there is plenty in the UK). It is productive agricultural land, part of a wider tranquil, rural environment that supports tourism, local businesses, and community wellbeing. Whilst some of the existing landowners entering into this scheme have been inherently lazy and not looked after their own precious part of countryside in recent years, other smaller landowners in the immediate area have shown incredible progress for the community, for nature and in sustainable / regenerative farming techniques diversifying their crops, increasing yields whilst planting up hedgerows and improving soil quality substantially (again this evidence is available).

I am particularly concerned at the hypocrisy of the planning system. Solar applications for local schools, business units and farm building roofs in the immediate vicinity have been aggressively declined in recent years. There are multiple alternatives to both this specific plan by Macquarie Bank but also to the type of energy generation which would have a far less severe and irreversible harm on the community and landscape.

The unprecedented level of public opposition to this scheme compared to others should really should give politicians and planners serious pause for thought. This is not a case of a few resistant old fashioned neighbours, blocking a desperately required, new road, town by-pass or new infrastructure required by the wider area. The the proposed location and scale are fundamentally wrong given the alternative options to generate electricity and they will ruin the lives of younger generations for years to come.

The proposals are not proportionate, sensitively sited, and fair. They fail this by epic proportions. I respectfully urge the Examining Authority and the Secretary of State and his department to wholeheartedly refuse consent for the Lime Down Solar Park.

Should the project go ahead then I would expect there to be not only a loss of life and a loss of multiple communities and local business but widespread collective action style prosecutions in future years based on the environmental destruction it will undoubtedly cause. I firmly believe this project would become a complete 'poster child' for bad infrastructure planning decisions.

Yours faithfully,
Alex Lloyd-Jones

[REDACTED]

From: Lime Down Solar <limedown@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Sent: 16 February 2026 11:07
To: [REDACTED] Lime Down Solar
<limedown@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Missing Submission

Good morning,

Thank you for your email. Please could you submit your comments by email to this email address, and before 23:59 on 9 March 2026.

Should you wish to make a formal complaint please review our complaints policy - [Complaints procedure - Planning Inspectorate - GOV.UK](#)

Best wishes,
Deborah

Deborah Allen | Case Manager
National Infrastructure Team
The Planning Inspectorate

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 February 2026 18:00
To: Lime Down Solar <limedown@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Missing Submission

Hi Deborah

I'm very disappointed in this response. Given I made one successful representation on behalf of one of my businesses (which did successfully register) and this was done after making my personal representation, I don't think the error is user error here. I would have

pressed submit, probably seen the confirmation on screen but I just don't have any email confirmation, so there must be some sort of issue.

When assisting my parents with their representation, on 3 different occasions the website was either down or not working, I have screen shots of this. As such to say there have been no issues without your IT systems is just not true.

Please could you kindly advise who / or how I send through my comments " in an email to be considered by the Examining Authority at the Procedural Deadline A on 9 March 2026."?

Kind regards
Alex

[REDACTED]

From: Lime Down Solar <limedown@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Sent: 11 February 2026 17:25
To: [REDACTED]; Lime Down Solar
<limedown@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Missing Submission

Good evening,

Thank you for your enquiry. We have been unable to locate any submission from you. As a precaution, I requested that our Digital Team undertake a technical review, and they have confirmed that no issues have been identified within our IT systems. As you did not receive either an on-screen confirmation or a confirmation email, the evidence available indicates that your submission was not successfully received.

Regrettably, the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 do not permit an extension to the deadline for the receipt of a Relevant Representation, which means we cannot register you as an interested party. However, I sympathise with your situation, and you may put your comments in an email to be considered by the Examining Authority at the Procedural Deadline A on 9 March 2026.

I would like to make you aware of a useful feature to receive email updates as the examination progresses - [Get updates | Lime Down Solar Project](#)

Best wishes,
Deborah

Deborah Allen | Case Manager
National Infrastructure Team
The Planning Inspectorate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2026 02:58
To: Lime Down Solar <limedown@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Cc: Lime Down Solar <limedown@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Missing Submission

Hi Cameron

I did not receive a reference number for either submission no. I entered all of my details and my comments so I have no idea why this would not have registered?

For the second submission I did I am one of the owners of the Vine Tree pub in Norton. The company is owned by a number of shareholders and I can see one submission for that business but it's certainly not mine.

I'm more concerned about my personal submission.

Kind regards
Alex

Sent from my iPhone

On 4 Feb 2026, at 10:52, Lime Down Solar
<limedown@planninginspectorate.gov.uk> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Apologies for the delay in responding.

I have been unable to source your submission currently. If you did not receive a reference number then perhaps the submission was filed incorrectly?

Can you confirm the name of the business so I can see if I can locate the submission through that method?

Thanks and kind regards,

Cameron.

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Cameron Alford | Case Officer | Planning Inspectorate | [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 February 2026 14:07
To: Lime Down Solar <limedown@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Cc: Lime Down Solar <limedown@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Missing Submission

Hello

When can I expect a response please? I am concerned that the planning inspectorate will proceed without taking into account my comments as they do not appear to have been registered by the website?

Kind regards
Alex

Sent from my iPhone

On 30 Jan 2026, at 09:26, Alex Lloyd-Jones
[REDACTED] wrote:

Good afternoon

Further to the below. I've spoken to some friends and neighbours and I am not the only one whose submission is missing? What is going on? Should I ask them to write to you too?

Kind regards
Alex
Sent from my iPhone

On 28 Jan 2026, at 07:16, Alex Lloyd-Jones
[REDACTED] wrote:

Good morning Melissa

No I cannot find any email correspondence. I did it in around November 2025.

I am also the part owner of a local pub in the area, I did a submission on behalf of that business and it is not there either.

Alex
Sent from my iPhone

On 28 Jan 2026, at 06:56, Lime Down
Solar
<limedown@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

k> wrote:

Good morning Alex,

Thank you for your email.

I am unable to locate a relevant representation form submitted in your name. Could you please confirm if you received a confirmation email after you submitted with a unique reference number?

We look forward to hearing further from you.

Kind regards

Melissa

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Whitlock**
(She/Her)
Case Officer |
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Planning
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From: Alex Lloyd-Jones

Sent: 27 January 2026 23:36

To: Lime Down Solar

<limedown@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Subject: Missing Submission

Good evening

My comments regarding the proposed Lime Down Solar farm do not appear to have been received? Please can you clarify, did you never receive the comments I submitted online?

Kind regards
Alex

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