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The applicant, all interested parties registered to speak and registered to attend the preliminary meeting, open floor hearing 1 and issue specific hearing 1

Case Ref: EN010168

Date: 2 April 2026

By email only

Dear recipient

Planning Act 2008, section 88, 91, 93 and 94

Application by Lime Down Solar Park Limited for an order granting development consent for the Lime Down Solar Project

This letter advises you of some practical arrangements for the preliminary meeting (PM), open floor hearing 1 (OFH1) and issue specific hearing 1 (ISH1) following requests by interested persons (IPs) for a right to speak in person at, or to attend just to observe the PM, OFH1 and ISH1 on 21 and 22 April 2026.

As detailed in our Rule 6 Letter [[PD-006](#)], the PM, OFH1 and ISH1 are to be held at Neeld Community & Arts Centre, Chippenham, SN15 3WL. The ExA made the decision to hold the PM and hearings at this venue because it was the closest available venue to the proposed application's Order limits with relatively large capacity. However, since making that decision and since receiving requests from IPs to attend in person to speak or just observe the proceedings, it has become apparent that there are more in person participants than the meeting room can accommodate.

At our request, the applicant has arranged for an additional room (the Town Hall) at the Neeld Community & Arts Centre venue to be available to broadcast the proceedings on screens via live stream, to enable observing attendees to be able to watch in real time. The Town Hall is situated on the first floor of the venue. Access to both the meeting room and the Town Hall viewing room will be through the front entrance of the Neeld Community & Arts Centre venue on Borough Parade.

Only those who registered before Procedural Deadline A at 23:59 on 9 March 2026 will be permitted entrance. In addition, meeting room priority will be given to IPs who registered to speak in person at the events, as well as individuals who have registered to attend and have accessibility requirements and/ or require reasonable adjustments to be made to be able to participate.

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Seating in the meeting room will therefore be reserved for those persons in the first instance, with left over capacity in the meeting room to be allocated to other registered attendees on a first come first served basis. Once the meeting room is deemed to be full, other registered attendees who arrive at the venue will be directed upstairs to the viewing room instead. As the number of registered attendees exceeds the venue's overall capacity, it will not be possible for everyone to attend the event in person.

Due to the numbers attending it is also not possible to have an area in the main room for observers to not be filmed, those people will be asked to use the viewing room. Five people requested to speak off camera when they registered and we have accommodated these requests.

The ExA take this opportunity to remind IPs that they do not need to attend in person to participate in the events or the examination overall. Virtual participation via MS Teams (with camera on or off) remains an option, and written submissions are as valid and carry the same weight as oral representations. In addition, events will be live streamed, so can be watched from a phone, laptop or tablet from home or anywhere else with an internet connection. Recordings of the proceedings will also be published to the National Infrastructure [project website](#) for playback later.

The PM on 21 April and ISH1 on 22 April will both start at 10am prompt. In person attendees will need to be registered on arrival at the venue by the case team to gain access to the meeting room and the Town Hall viewing room. Registration for those events will open at **9am** and will close at **9.45am**.

Following the close of the PM there will be a lunch break, and attendees will be required to vacate the meeting room to enable it to be set up for the afternoon OFH. The OFH will start at 2pm prompt and registration at the venue will open at **1pm** and close at **1.45pm**.

The ExA attaches to the end of this letter a list of IPs who have registered to speak at the OFH and the order in which they will be heard. Due to the need to ensure that all those registered to speak have the opportunity to speak, we are unable to allocate specific time slots. The following **maximum** speaking times will also need to be applied:

- Three minutes per person for oral submissions made by individual IPs
- Five minutes for oral submissions made by organisations (such as Parish Councils), groups or representatives of a number of IPs or other persons.

We previously indicated in the Rule 6 letter [[PD-006](#)], that the OFH may continue into the evening, and given the number of IPs who have registered to speak, this is certainly going to be the case. Short comfort breaks, and a longer dinner break will have to be provided so it is anticipated that if everyone on the attached OFH1 speakers list is heard, the event would finish around 8pm.

Any IPs on the attached OFH1 speakers list who no longer wish to speak, or are unable to attend, are requested to advise the case team by **13 April 2026** so that they can be removed from the speakers list. The ExA anticipates a second OFH taking place in late June/ early July, although a specific date cannot be confirmed until after the PM, as the timetable for the examination is a topic for discussion at the PM.

Any IPs who registered to attend the PM, OFH1 and/ or ISH1 in person who have accessibility requirements and/ or require reasonable adjustments to be made, are requested to contact the case team to advise of those needs by **13 April 2026**. Those parties should identify in such communication which of the three events they will be attending and the adjustments they require, so that they can be reserved space in the meeting room.

The contact details for case team are as follows:

Email - limedown@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Telephone - 0303 444 5000

With specific regard to the PM, I must remind IPs that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss procedural matters only, specifically about how the application should be examined, the timetable, the principal issues, and so forth. It is not an opportunity to discuss concerns about the impacts of the proposal or the advantages or disadvantages of the scheme. The ExA notes that a number of IPs who have registered to speak at the PM have stated that they wish to discuss concerns such as flooding, the impact on the historic landscape, the traffic environment, and so forth. However, specific concerns around environmental impacts are not matters for the PM and the ExA will not hear these submissions during that meeting.

We appreciate that this process is unfamiliar to most IPs, but please be assured that IPs will have the opportunity to raise their specific concerns either through an OFH submission (if registered to speak), subsequent topic based issue specific hearings (noting that two weeks of hearings are currently scheduled in the draft timetable in Annex D of the Rule 6 Letter [[PD-006](#)]), or through written submissions.

If you have any further queries, please contact us.

Yours faithfully

Janine Laver

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

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**Open Floor Hearing 1 (Tuesday 21 April 2026)
Running Order for Speakers**

INDIVIDUALS SPEAKING IN PERSON at NEELD COMMUNITY & ARTS CENTRE				
Maximum speaking time - 3 minutes per person				
1.	Ashton Hawker	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
2.	Matthew Rose	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
3.	Rachel Hamblin	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
4.	Neil Mostyn Hamilton	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
5.	Simon Durrant	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
6.	January Farrington	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
7.	Simon Cox	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
8.	Ann Skinner	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
9.	Kim Morgan	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
10.	Stuart Fisher	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
11.	Christine Macnee	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
12.	Darren Rawlings	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
13.	Michael Holstead	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
14.	Douglas Price	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
15.	Michael Pitt	Interested party	In person	3 Minutes
16.	Andrew Calderbank	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
17.	Sarah Sorby	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
18.	Andrew Greenhill	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
19.	Matthew Hood	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
20.	Charles Purkess	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
21.	Anna-Kate Fuller	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
22.	Freddie Spickernell	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
23.	Hugh Roche	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
24.	Emma Vaux	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
25.	Jonathan Seymour Williams	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
26.	Steffi Dampney	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
27.	Rosie Clark	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
28.	Stewart Dobson	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
29.	Richard Jeffcoate	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
30.	Lawrence Copeland	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
31.	Elizabeth Maxwell	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
32.	Lesley Bennet	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
33.	Fiona Shipsey	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
34.	Alex Frost	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
35.	Richard Skeffington	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
36.	John Oglesby	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
37.	Martin Smith	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
38.	Richard Langley	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
39.	Philip Davey	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
40.	Tony McAleavy	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
41.	Helen King	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
42.	Tracey Worcester	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
43.	Sean Magee	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
44.	Elizabeth Threlfall	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
45.	Sue Godwin	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
46.	Jodie Collier	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
47.	Charles Buchan	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes

48.	Isabel Ross	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
49.	Nicholas Clark	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
50.	Philip Moore	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
51.	Mark Horton	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
52.	Paul Simmons	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
53.	Helen Hood	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
54.	Clare Stokes	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
55.	Helen Worthey	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
56.	Henry Jodrell	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes
57.	Sophia Beech	Interested Party	In person	3 Minutes

INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING GROUPS OF PEOPLE

Maximum speaking time - 5 minutes per group

58	Stuart Suter	Lea, Garsdon & Cleverton Parish Council	In person	5 Minutes
59	Susan Mellowes	St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council	In person	5 Minutes
60	Lesley Palmer	Grittleton Parish Council	In person	5 Minutes
61	Peter Richardson	Community Action: Whitley and Shaw and Melksham Without Parish Council	In person	5 Minutes
62	Nick Hare	Sopworth Parish Council	In person	5 Minutes
63	George Clarke	Easton Grey Parish Meeting	In person	5 Minutes
64	Roz Savage	MP	In person	5 Minutes
65	Anne Henshaw	CPRE	In person	5 Minutes
66	Adrian Temple-Brown and Stephen Eades	North Wiltshire Friends of the Earth	In person	5 Minutes

INDIVIDUALS SPEAKING VIRTUALLY

Maximum speaking time – 3 minutes (except Luckington & Alderton Parish, who are permitted 5 minutes)

77	John Buckley	Parish Council (Luckington & Alderton Parish Council)	Virtually	5 Minutes
68	John Eavis	Interested Party	Virtually	3 Minutes
69	Jon Atkey	Interested Party	Virtually	3 Minutes
70	Roddy Seymour Williams	Interested Party	Virtually	3 Minutes
71	Peter Phillips	Affected Person	Virtually	3 Minutes
72	Helena Maxwell	Interested Party	Virtually	3 Minutes
73	Willa Gibb	Interested Party	Virtually	3 Minutes
74	Robert Alan Bentley	Interested Party	Virtually	3 Minutes
75	John Baillie	Affected Person	Virtually	3 Minutes