

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

Notification of the date, time and venue for Open Floor Hearing 1 on Tuesday 21 April 2022 was provided in Annex E of the [Rule 6 letter](#) dated 9 February 2026.

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Open floor hearing 1 (OFH1)	<p>21 April 2026</p> <p>Hearing starts at 2:00pm</p> <p>Registration and seating available at the venue from 1:00pm and virtual registration process from 1:00pm</p> <p>Registration will close at 1:45pm to facilitate a prompt start at 2:00pm</p> <p>The hearing will run into the evening with an anticipated finish around 8:00pm</p>	<p>Need Community & Arts Centre, Borough Parade, Chippenham, SN15 3WL</p> <p>and</p> <p>by virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered</p>

Agenda for Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1)

Item 1	Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing
Item 2	Purpose of the open floor hearing
Item 3	Confirmation of the number of speakers, the running order, timings
Item 4	<p>Representations by interested parties and others</p> <p>Each interested party (IP) who has indicated a wish to speak will be invited in turn by the ExA to speak.</p> <p>Speakers will be heard in the order shown under the list of speakers in Annex A and will be allocated the following maximum speaking times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 minutes for individual IPs, including businesses • 5 minutes for those representing groups, membership organisations or Councils

	The ExA may ask questions of IPs about matters arising from written and oral submissions. If they do so during a timed oral submission, the time taken by the ExA will not count against the speaking time.
Item 5	Review of any actions arising
Item 6	Close of Hearing

GUIDANCE FOR PARTICIPATION

Participation, conduct and management of the open floor hearing

OFHs are hearings where IPs who are individuals, groups and organisations have the opportunity to raise any matters that they consider are important and relevant to the consideration of the application.

Submissions should be based on previous representations; however, participants do not need to repeat submissions that they already made in writing. It is also acceptable to say that you agree with all or parts of another participant's oral submission, rather than repeat it, but you can provide further detail, explanation or evidence to help inform the examination of the application. Please note that once you have spoken at one OFH you do not have the right to speak again at another. It is important therefore that you use the allotted time well to communicate your message to the ExA.

To allow everyone on the speakers list to have a fair opportunity to be heard, the speaking time limits shown on this agenda will be strictly applied. Anyone who is not able to provide all of their oral submission by the end of their time limit or by the close of the hearing should follow it up in writing at **deadline 1A (Friday 8 May 2026)**.

Due to the large number of participants registered to speak, the ExA is unable to allocate specific time slots, so speakers will be heard in the order listed in **Annex A** of this agenda.

Please contact the case team as soon as possible using the contact details below if you no longer wish to (or are unable to) attend, or wish to attend via a different method than that previously stated (in person or virtually).

The contact details for case team are as follows:

Email - limedown@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Telephone - 0303 444 5000

Those who have not previously registered to speak in this hearing and have not been allocated a slot in the speaking list at Annex A, are unlikely to be able to speak on the day due to the large number of registered participants and restrictions on the time available. Requests to participate in a future OFH can and must be made by **deadline 1 (Friday 1 May 2026)**.

As noted in our letter dated 2 April 2026, and published on the [project page](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website, due to venue capacity, only participants who registered to speak or observe in person before Procedural Deadline A at 23:59 on 9 March 2026, will be permitted entrance into the venue.

As also previously noted in the Rule 6 letter [[PD-006](#)] dated 9 February 2026, this hearing will run into the evening. **Annex A** provides some provisional times for comfort breaks, and a longer break in the early evening to allow IPs, the ExA and the case team the opportunity to obtain refreshments and something to eat. Please note that these break times are a guide only and are subject to change. The ExA therefore advises you not to rely on them to determine when you may be called.

Compulsory Acquisition / Temporary Possession Matters

People who have land or rights affected by compulsory acquisition or temporary possession are affected persons (APs) and have a right to be heard at a compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH), where such strict time limits for speaking do not apply. If you are an AP wishing to speak about your land or rights, then a future CAH will be the best forum to raise any such issues. APs should make requests to be heard at a CAH by **deadline 1 (Friday 1 May 2026)**.

The applicant's role in the OFH

The ExA has asked the applicant to attend this OFH to listen to the submissions. The applicant will not be asked to address questions raised by IPs at the hearing, and it is not the purpose of these hearings to enable the applicant to make its case.

Event Registration Process

Parties who have registered to speak at this OFH virtually will receive a joining instruction email shortly before the hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. The joining instruction email will also be sent to all registered parties, including those due to appear in person. If you are attending virtually, please join at the virtual registration start time set out in the relevant agenda to ensure that the registration process is completed in good time.

If you are attending in person, please be aware registration at the venue may be busy and you are encouraged to ensure you arrive as early as possible after the registration process opens at 1:00pm. It is your responsibility to ensure you have allowed enough time to register. Failure to register at the hearing prior to its start may affect your ability to participate.

Published Advice

To help you participate effectively, the Planning Inspectorate has published the following advice which it is highly recommended you refer to before the event:

- [Registering to speak at, or attend, a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project event](#)
- [What to expect at a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project event](#)

Live Stream

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching it will be posted on the [project page](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the event date. IPs and other members of the public who wish to observe the hearing can view and listen to the hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording after it has concluded.

Annex A - 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
Likely Comfort Break (10 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
Likely Comfort Break (10 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

Likely Food/ Refreshment Break (45 Minutes)

INDIVIDUALS SPEAKING IN PERSON, OFF CAMERA

Maximum speaking time - 3 minutes per person

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 (or proxy speaker)	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	Adrian Temple-Brown and Stephen Eades	North Wiltshire Friends of the Earth	In person	5 Minutes

Likely Comfort Break (10 Minutes)

INDIVIDUALS SPEAKING VIRTUALLY

Maximum speaking time – 3 minutes (Except John Buckley, Jon Atkey and Anne Henshaw who get 5 minutes)

66	John Buckley	Parish Council (Luckington &	Virtually	5 Minutes
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		Alderton Parish Council)		
67	Jon Atkey	Councillor representing By Brook Ward	Virtually	5 Minutes
68	Anne Henshaw	CPRE	Virtually	5 Minutes
69	John Eavis	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
Close				