



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

**Case reference: EN010168**

### **Examining Authority's note of unaccompanied site inspection 2 (USI2) to which the application relates on 23 April 2026.**

Examining Inspectors Janine Laver, David Love and Ben Northover (the panel appointed as the Examining Authority (ExA) for the application for the Lime Down Solar Project) undertook the inspection on 23 April 2026. This note is a brief record to inform the Applicant, Interested Parties and any other parties of the actions taken by the ExA.

The inspection was undertaken by car and on foot on public roads and footpaths. A route was planned in advance having regard to issues raised in relevant representations, enabling the panel to obtain views of the proposed site for the cable route corridor and the local context. The USI was carried out as detailed below. The access points referred to below can be seen on the Applicant's Key Construction Phase Features plans [[APP-082](#)]; the public right of way (PRoW) receptors referred to below can be seen on the Applicant's PRoW Receptors plans [[APP-102](#)]; and the residential receptors referred to below can be seen on the Applicant's Private Receptors plans [[APP-100](#)] in the [examination library](#).

## Particulars of USI2

Weather: Clear skies, dry.

Visibility: Very Good.

The following North to South route along the cable route corridor was taken by the ExA:

- The ExA started at Grittleton and observed the location of proposed access points 101 and 102.
- The ExA walked the PRow WT|GRIT|20 (receptor TP096) observing the location of the proposed construction compound.
- The ExA travelled by car stopping to observe the location of proposed access points 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109 (including the associated proposed construction compound), 110, 111, 112, 113, 114 (including the associated proposed construction compound), 115, 116 and 117.
- The ExA continued to Easton by car observing views of the cable route corridor from the residential settlement (receptor RS024) and walked the PRow WT|CORM|3 (receptor TP373).
- The ExA continued on to Thingley observing views of the cable route corridor from the residential group receptor RG087 and PRow WT|CORM|9 (receptor TP376).
- The ExA continued by car stopping and walking to observe the location of proposed access points 118, 119, 119a, 120, 121 (including the associated proposed construction compound), 122, 123 and 124.
- The ExA stopped at Chapel Knapp and walked PRow WT|CORM|31 (receptor TP272) to observe views of the cable route corridor from Parkview and Drumcovitt, Boyd's Farm (individual residential receptors RI136 and RI137).
- The ExA continued by car stopping to observe the location of proposed access point 125, Westlands Farm (residential group receptor RG064), views from PRow WT|MELW|87A (receptor TP305) and access points 126 and 127. From the road, the ExA were able to observe the construction of an unrelated solar farm near the Melksham substation.
- The ExA continued to Beanacre and walked PRow WT|MELW|85 (receptor TP311) to observe the point of connection at Melksham substation.
- The ExA travelled by car to Whitley (residential settlement receptor RS021) and walked PRow WT|MELW|77 (receptor TP290) observing views of the proposed cable route corridor and Whitley House.

**End of USI2.**