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

Examination timetable and procedure/ and notification of hearings/ and notification of accompanied site inspection

This letter (the Rule 8 Letter) provides important information about the examination of this application. The letter includes:

1. The examination timetable
2. Information about written representations and local impact reports
3. Notification of an accompanied site inspection
4. Notification of hearings
5. Further procedural decisions made by the ExA
6. Information on how to access examination correspondence
7. Guidance on how to make submissions into the examination

All documentation associated with this examination, including a note of the preliminary meeting and the recording of that meeting, can be viewed under the [documents page](#) on the [project webpage](#) of the Find a National Infrastructure Project website.

1. The examination timetable

We have made a procedural decision about the way the application will be examined and have published the final examination timetable at **Annex A** to this letter. The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of six months

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beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting. In finalising the examination timetable, we have had regard to requests and suggestions made at the Preliminary Meeting and in representations submitted in advance of that meeting. Those requests have had to be balanced with the needs of the ExA to facilitate a timely and thorough Examination. The main changes made to the timetable are as follows:

- **Deadline 2** - the date for comments on written representations and local impact reports has been moved from Wednesday 20 May to **Friday 22 May 2026** to provide IPs with additional time. The ExA appreciates Wiltshire Council's request for an even longer response period for comments on written representations, however, we consider that having comments before the publication of the ExA's first written questions on Monday 1 June will allow for a more targeted and useful set of questions to be prepared.
- **Accompanied site inspection** - The week commencing 8 June 2026 was reserved for an accompanied site inspection. The date for an accompanied site inspection is now confirmed as **Thursday 11 June 2026**, as per the notice in Annex B below. A detailed itinerary will be published at least one week before the ASI on the project webpage. It would be useful if Wiltshire Council and Historic England registered to attend.
- **Deadline 3** - The date for responses to the ExA's first written questions has been moved from Friday 12 June 2026 to **Monday 15 June 2026** to provide IPs with additional time. The ExA appreciates Wiltshire Council's request for an even longer response period, however, this deadline is influenced by the date for issue specific hearings in late June/early July and the preparation required for those hearings.
- **Hearing reserve dates 1** - The week commencing 29 June 2026 was reserved for hearings. The Rule 8 timetable now confirms that week for hearings, as per the notice in Annex B below.
- **Hearing reserve dates 2** - The week commencing 14 September 2026 was reserved for hearings. In light of a request by Wiltshire Council for the ExA to reserve extra days, we have resolved to also reserve the week commencing 21 September. The necessity for those additional hearing dates and their format (blended or virtual only) will be decided by the ExA closer to the time. While we note Wiltshire Council's request for hearings to be held in August, we have consciously avoided reserving hearing dates in the main school summer holiday period to avoid precluding IPs from being able to participate.
- **Deadline 5** - A new bullet point has been added into this deadline in relation to the submission of draft Protective Provisions by affected parties and statutory undertakers.
- **Final Statements of Common Ground** - The ExA has considered the request to receive final statements of common ground at Deadline 8. We have resolved to retain receipt of final statements of common ground at Deadline 7 so that, if required, the ExA has the opportunity to issue a request (under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010) for further information to be provided at Deadline 8. Please note, if we consider no further information is required following the submissions made at deadline 7, we may close the examination shortly thereafter.

The examination timetable in **Annex A** below replaces the draft timetable that was included in our Rule 6 Letter [[PD-006](#)] dated 9 February 2026.

Please note that the examination timetable contains a number of deadlines for receipt of information by The Planning Inspectorate. All deadlines are at **23:59** on the date specified. Please ensure submissions arrive by the deadline. If you do not make your submissions by the dates specified in the timetable, we may disregard them.

If we consider it necessary to vary the examination timetable during the examination, notification will be sent to interested parties (IPs), statutory parties and other persons invited to the preliminary meeting. The changes will be published on the [project webpage](#).

2. Written representations, local impact reports and other submissions

In the Rule 6 letter [\[PD-006\]](#) dated 9 February 2026, we provided notice to all IPs that if they wished to make a written representation that they must be submitted by **deadline 1** on **Friday 1 May 2026**. We also provided notice to local authorities to submit a local impact report in addition to a written representation by the same date. This date remains unchanged in the Examination Timetable.

Written representations are not mandatory submissions, and IPs should not simply repeat verbatim the relevant representation already made. However, written representations can be used to expand on any relevant representation already submitted, and they are not restricted to the matters set out in our Initial Assessment of Principal Issues, which was contained in Annex C of the Rule 6 letter [\[PD-006\]](#).

Any person, other than the applicant, who submits a written representation must identify those parts of the application with which they agree and those parts with which they do not agree, explaining the reasons why. IPs should also provide with their written representations any data, methodology and assumptions used to support their submissions to avoid delays in the examination (see paragraph 009 of the [government's guidance on the examination stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects](#) for further information about written representations).

Any written representations and any further written submissions requested during the examination, that exceed 1500 words, should also be accompanied by a summary which should not exceed 10% of the original text. The summary should set out the key facts of the written submission and must be representative of the submission made.

Representations **must not include hyperlinks** to documents or evidence hosted on third party websites. See The Planning Inspectorate's [Advice for members of the public: Advice for submitting representations or comments](#) for important information about making written submissions.

We request that all parties make their submissions at relevant deadlines through the [Have your say page](#) on the project website. Further information about the 'Have your say' page is provided at **Annex E** to this letter.

3. Notification of an Accompanied Site Inspection

We have decided to hold an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) on **Thursday 11 June 2026** as per the notification contained in **Annex B** of this letter. The itinerary for this ASI has not yet been finalised, as comments from any party on the applicant's draft itinerary, which was

submitted at Procedural Deadline B [[PDB-005](#)], are requested to be submitted by **deadline 1 on Friday 1 May 2026**.

We have had regard to the applicant's draft itinerary, and we note that we visited some of the suggested locations during our Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI) on 24 to 26 February 2026 (see our USI note [[EV1-001](#)]). We will not re-visit any location as part of an ASI unless there are good reasons. We therefore suggest that the following locations are removed from the draft itinerary:

- Location 2: Fosse Lodge
- Location 3: Badminton Estate
- Location 5: Fosse Way

We are also unclear if the Applicant's reference to Bradfield Manor Farm in locations 9A and 9B should instead just be Bradfield Manor Farmhouse, as per the [Historic England listing](#). The ExA would like to visit Bradfield Manor Farmhouse for an inspection from the grounds and the property's upper floor windows (subject to owner's consent). If consent is obtained, the ExA expects access to the interior of Bradfield Manor Farmhouse to be strictly limited to the ExA, a representative of the applicant, a representative of Historic England and a representative of the local authority. Any other ASI attendees will be requested to remain outside the building.

We also suggest that the following locations are included in the draft itinerary, in no particular order:

- The grounds of 1, 2, 3 and 4 Grain Store Barn, Pig Lane, SN16 0LD
- The grounds of Farleaze Farm, Pig Lane, SN16 0LB
- The grounds of Roberts Berry Farm, Grittleton, SN14 6AT
- The grounds of Fosse Farm, Norton, SN16 0JY
- The grounds of Avil's Barn, Lower Stanton St Quintin, SN14 6DA

Please note that this list is not exhaustive and we will take into account submissions at Deadline 1. We want to emphasise that there is scope within the Examination Timetable for a further ASI, where other sites could be visited, should the ExA consider this necessary.

We will publish a detailed itinerary for the ASI on the [project webpage](#) at least one week before the ASI. However, the actual itinerary on the day of the ASI may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA, responding to matters such as weather or traffic conditions.

Any party that wishes to attend the ASI is required to register by **Friday 22 May 2026**. For logistical and safety reasons it will be necessary to limit the number of people who can accompany us for the whole ASI. We therefore ask that groups restrict their registration to a single representative who can identify the locations they wish to highlight to the ExA. It may be possible for arrangements to be made for IPs (or their representatives) to join the inspection at specified locations within the itinerary.

The ASI is not an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence. It is an opportunity for the ExA to look at the physical features that can be seen on,

or from, the sites. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest.

4. Notification of Hearings

We have made a procedural decision to hold the following blended hearings (part in-person and part virtual). Important information about these hearings is contained in the notification in **Annex B**:

- Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH1) on Tuesday 30 June 2026
- Open Floor Hearing 2 (OFH2) on Tuesday 30 June 2026
- Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) on Environmental Matters on Wednesday 1 July 2026
- Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) on Environmental Matters on Thursday 2 July 2026
- Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4) on Environmental Matters and/ or draft Development Consent Order on Friday 3 July 2026

For Compulsory Acquisition and Issue Specific Hearings, the ExA will publish a detailed draft agenda on the [project webpage](#) at least one week before the hearing date. However, the actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA. For the open floor hearing, the agenda will generally only comprise a speaker running order.

If you are an affected person and wish to be heard at the compulsory acquisition hearing, you are requested to register by **Monday 1 June 2026**.

IPs who did not speak at OFH1 on Tuesday 21 April 2026 and who wish to speak at OFH2 are also requested to register by **Monday 1 June 2026**.

IPs who wish to participate in any of the Issue Specific Hearings on Wednesday 1 July, Thursday 2 July and Friday 3 July 2026, are similarly requested to register by **Monday 1 June 2026**.

Annex B provides a link to the registration form and details about what IPs should include in a request to be heard at a hearing, and the procedure that will be followed at hearings.

5. Further procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority

Annex C to this letter contains important details and clarifications about other procedural decisions we made at, or following, the preliminary meeting. These include:

- Statements of common ground
- Land Rights Tracker
- Request for additional plans/ visualisations
- Additional Submissions

6. Information on how to access examination correspondence

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All documentation associated with this project, including a note of the Preliminary Meeting and the audio recording taken at that meeting, can be found on the [project webpage](#). **Annex D** to this letter provides additional information on how to stay up to date with announcements and documents submitted into the examination, how to use the examination library, and how we handle your personal information.

7. Guidance on how to make submissions into the examination

The examination of the application primarily takes the form of the consideration of written submissions. The examination timetable in **Annex A** of this letter sets out how the application is to be examined, when we will issue written questions, when we will hold hearings (including reserve dates), and when we expect to receive responses to those questions and hearings, and any updated and final documents.

We request that all IPs make their submissions using the '[Have your say](#)' page on the [project webpage](#) on or before the applicable deadline. **Annex E** to this letter provides guidance on using the 'Have your say' page.

We look forward to working with all parties in the examination of this application.

Yours faithfully

Janine Laver

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

Annexes

- A** Examination timetable
- B** Notification of an accompanied site inspection and notification of hearings and requests to participate
- C** Further procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority
- D** Information on how to access examination correspondence
- E** Guidance on how to make submissions

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Examination Timetable

Item	Matters	Date
1.	<p>Procedural deadline A Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any written submissions on the examination procedure, including any submissions about the draft examination timetable • Requests by interested parties (IPs) to speak at the preliminary meeting, including which agenda items you wish to speak on, points you wish to make and why these need to be made orally rather than in writing • Requests by IPs to speak at Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1) on Tuesday 21 April 2026 • Requests by IPs to participate in Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) on Wednesday 22 April 2026 • Comments on relevant representations (RRs), as requested in Annex F of the Rule 6 letter • Applicant's submission of an amended Land Rights and Negotiations Tracker and submission of a spreadsheet version of the Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Appendix, as requested in Annex F of the Rule 6 letter • Suggestions from IPs for locations for site inspections (accompanied or unaccompanied), including justification, and whether such locations can be seen from public land or require private access, for consideration by the ExA 	Monday 9 March 2026
2.	<p>Procedural deadline B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant's draft itinerary for an ASI for consideration by the ExA (if subsequently required) 	Wednesday 1 April 2026
3.	Preliminary meeting	Tuesday 21 April 2026 (10:00am)
4.	Open floor hearing 1 (OFH1)	Tuesday 21 April 2026 (2:00pm)
5.	<p>Issue specific hearing 1 (ISH1) ISH1 relating to the scope of development, including (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) • Site selection, alternatives and design evolution • Generating capacity 	Wednesday 22 April 2026 (10:00am)

6.	Publication by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The examination timetable (Rule 8 Letter) 	As soon as possible following the preliminary meeting
7.	Deadline 1 For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification by any statutory parties who have not submitted a RR of their wish to be considered as an IP by the ExA Comments on RRs (if these have not been provided at procedural deadline A) Written representations (WRs) and summaries for any that exceed 1500 words Local impact reports (LIRs) from any local authorities Comments on the applicant's draft itinerary for the ASI The applicant's updated documents if any revisions have been made, as set out in Annex F of the Rule 6 Letter Any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	Friday 1 May 2026
8.	Deadline 1A For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post preliminary meeting and hearing submissions, including written summaries of any oral cases, and responses to any hearing action points arising from OFH1 and ISH1 	Friday 8 May 2026
9.	Deadline 2 For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on WRs Comments on LIRs Initial statements of common ground (SoCGs), in line with the detail requested in Annex F of the Rule 6 Letter Comments from any party on any other submissions received at deadlines 1 and 1A The applicant's updated documents if any revisions have been made, as set out in Annex F of the Rule 6 Letter Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	Friday 22 May 2026

10.	Publication by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ExA's first written questions (ExQ1) 	Monday 1 June 2026
11.	Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI1)	Thursday 11 June 2026
12.	Deadline 3 For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responses to ExQ1 Comments on initial SoCGs Comments from any party on any other submissions received at deadline 2 The applicant's updated documents if any revisions have been made, as set out in Annex F of the Rule 6 Letter Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	Monday 15 June 2026
13.	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH1)	Tuesday 30 June 2026 (9:30am)
14.	Open Floor Hearing (OFH2)	Tuesday 30 June 2026 (2:00pm)
15.	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH2)	Wednesday 1 July 2026 (9:30am)
16.	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH3)	Thursday 2 July 2026 (9:30am)
17.	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH4)	Friday 3 July 2026 (9:30am)
18.	Deadline 4 For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post hearing submissions, including written summaries of any oral cases, and responses to any hearing action points. Comments on responses to ExQ1 Comments from any party on any other submissions received at deadline 3 Requests from Affected Persons (defined in section 59(4) of the Planning Act 2008) of wish to be heard at a further compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH) 	Friday 10 July 2026

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant's updated documents if any revisions have been made, as set out in Annex F of the Rule 6 Letter Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	
19.	Publication by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ExA's second written questions (ExQ2) 	Monday 27 July 2026
20.	Deadline 5 For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responses to ExQ2 Comments from any party on any other submissions received at deadline 4 The protective provisions that parties propose to be included in the development consent order but have not been agreed by the applicant The applicant's updated documents if any revisions have been made, as set out in Annex F of the Rule 6 Letter Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	Friday 7 August 2026
21.	Deadline 6 For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on responses to ExQ2 Comments from any party on any other submissions received at deadline 5 The applicant's updated documents if any revisions have been made, as set out in Annex F of the Rule 6 Letter Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	Friday 21 August 2026
22.	Publication by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) and any associated questions (if required) The ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the dDCO (if required) 	Friday 28 August 2026
23.	Dates reserved for hearings and further ASI (if required)	Weeks commencing 14 and 21 September 2026
24.	Deadline 7 For receipt by the ExA of:	Friday 2 October 2026

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post hearing submissions, including written summaries of any oral cases, and responses to any hearing action points. • Comments from any party on any other submissions received at deadline 6 • Comments on the RIES and responses to any associated questions within the RIES (if issued by ExA) • Comments on the ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the dDCO (if issued by ExA) • Applicant's closing statement with summary of areas of disagreement • IPs closing statement(s) (if desired) regarding matters that they have previously raised during the examination and which have not been resolved to their satisfaction • Any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 <p>Final updated documents (in clean and tracked versions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed SoCGs and a list of matters not agreed where SoCGs could not be finalised • dDCO to be submitted by the applicant in the statutory instrument (SI) template with the SI template validation report • Book of reference (BoR) and schedule of changes to BoR • Land Rights and Negotiations Tracker • Guide to the Application • Environmental Statement and other documents including management plans/ control documents • Any signed and dated section 106 agreements together with CIL compliance schedule 	
25.	<p>Deadline 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	Friday 16 October 2026
26.	<p>Close of examination</p> <p>See '*Note about the close of examination date'.</p>	Wednesday 21 October 2026

***Note about the close of examination date**

The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the preliminary meeting. The ExA may however decide to close the examination earlier than the date specified in the examination timetable above if it considers that the application and relevant matters have been examined adequately.

Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

Where an applicant has provided a No Significant Effects Report or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with the application, the ExA may decide to issue a RIES during the examination. The RIES is a factual account of the information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the SoS, as competent authority, to undertake its HRA. It is not the ExA's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the ExA and any received will be taken into account as part of the ExA's recommendation to the Secretary of State. The ExA may also raise questions in the RIES to confirm or clarify matters that remain outstanding. The SoS may rely on the consultation on the RIES to meet its obligations under regulation 63(3) of The Habitats Regulations 2017 and/ or Regulation 28 of The Offshore Marine Regulations.

Notification of accompanied site inspection and hearings

Under Rule 16 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, we confirm that we will hold an accompanied site inspection (ASI), as follows:

Date/ Time	Event	Start Location	Joining Instructions
Thursday 11 June 2026 Starting at 9:15am and continuing until approximately 4:00pm.	Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI1)	Stanton St Quintin Parish Hall, Church Road, Stanton St Quintin, SN14 6DE	Please be present at the start location at 9:00am for briefing
<p>NOTES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant will provide transport for registered and confirmed attendees of the ASI. However, please note that for logistical and safety reasons it will be necessary to limit the numbers of persons who can accompany us for the whole ASI. We therefore ask that groups restrict their registration to a single representative who can identify the locations they wish to highlight to the ExA. It should be possible for arrangements to be made for interested parties (or their representatives) to join the inspection at specified locations within the itinerary. • The ASI will involve walking on terrain that may be uneven. Some obstructions on public rights of way and at field entrances may require attendees to crouch down or cross over stiles to pass. Anyone who may find it challenging to walk in these conditions is advised to assess whether it is suitable for them to attend the ASI, either partially or in its entirety. • It is advised that attendees bring sturdy footwear and wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather and conditions on the day. Foliage on public rights of way and at field boundaries/entrances can be tall and overgrown. All attendees are requested to wear clothing that keeps their arms and legs covered at all times. • There will be a lunch break during the ASI, however attendees are requested to bring water and snacks as desired. • A final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the project webpage at least one week before the ASI. 			
<p>If you wish to attend the ASI, you must register by completing the event participation form by Friday 22 May 2026. Your request should include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and unique reference number (found at the top of any letter or email form The Planning Inspectorate) • Your email address (if available) and contact telephone number • The name and unique reference number of any person/ organisation that you are representing (if applicable) 			

Under Rule 13 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, we provide notice of the following Hearings:

Date	Hearing	Start Time	Venue and Joining Details
Tuesday 30 June 2026	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH1)	Registration and seating available at venue from: 9:00am Virtual registration process from: 9:00am Hearing starts: 9:30am	All the hearings are at: The National Self Build & Renovation Centre, Lydiard Fields, Great Western Way, Swindon, SN5 8UB and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams
Tuesday 30 June 2026	Open Floor Hearing (OFH2)	Registration and seating available at venue from: 1:30pm Registration Process from: 1:30pm Hearing starts: 2:00pm	Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered
Wednesday 1 July 2026	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH2) – Environmental Matters	Registration and seating available at venue from: 9:00am Virtual registration process from: 9:00am Hearing starts: 9:30am	
Thursday 2 July 2026	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH3) – Environmental Matters	Registration and seating available at venue from: 9:00am Virtual registration process from: 9:00am Hearing starts: 9:30am	

Date	Hearing	Start Time	Venue and Joining Details
Friday 3 July 2026	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH4) – Environmental Matters and/ or draft Development Consent Order	Registration and seating available at venue from: 9:00am Virtual registration process from: 9:00am Hearing starts: 9:30am	
<p>NOTES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If any of the above hearings are no longer required then notification will be published as soon as practicable on the project webpage, providing reasonable notice to Interested Parties of the decision to cancel. • The ExA will publish detailed agendas on the project webpage at least one week before the hearing date(s). However, the actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA. • Please refer to The Planning Inspectorate’s Advice for members of the public for information about the purpose of open floor, issue specific and compulsory acquisition hearings. • A public livestream of these hearings will be made available on the project webpage shortly before the hearings are due to open. The livestreams are available to anybody who wishes to observe the hearings. 			
<p>Registration and venue capacity</p> <p>The venue has a seating capacity of approximately 150, these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, although IPs who request to speak will be prioritised.</p> <p>If you wish to participate in the compulsory acquisition hearing and/ or the open floor hearing and/ or any of the Issue Specific Hearings listed above, you must register by completing the event participation form by Monday 1 June 2026 and provide all the information requested below.</p> <p>Any request to participate in a hearing must include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and unique reference number (found at the top of any letter or email from The Planning Inspectorate) • Email address (if available) and contact telephone number • Name and unique reference number of any person/ organisation that you are representing (if applicable) • Confirmation of whether you will participate virtually or in-person 			

- Confirmation of the hearing(s) you wish to participate in, and if available the agenda item(s) on which you wish to speak and/ or brief details of the topic(s) that you would like to raise
- For compulsory acquisition hearings, the plot number(s) of the relevant land provided in the [Book of Reference](#) and the [Land Plans](#)
- The [Examination Library](#) reference number (with paragraph/ page number where appropriate) of any documents you wish to refer to

It may not be possible to participate on the day if you have not registered your wish to participate.

Please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter if you require any support or assistance to attend any of the hearings, either virtually or in person.

If you simply wish to observe the hearings virtually then you do not need to register as you will be able to watch a livestream of the event. A link to the livestream will be made available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before the event is scheduled to begin. You will also be able to watch the recording of the event which will be published on the project webpage shortly after the event has finished. A transcript of the event will also be published on the project webpage after the event.

Please note that by attending the event either in person or online you are agreeing to be filmed for the purposes of the online livestream of the event and the recording of the event which will get published on the project webpage. Only a limited number of seats will be available for observers who wish not to be filmed at the event.

Please contact the case team to notify them if you prefer not to be filmed at the event.

Further procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority (ExA)

1. Statements of Common Ground

The applicant is taking the lead in the preparation of Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) and it would aid the smooth running of the Examination if all interested parties who are participating in the preparation of SoCGs liaise and co-operate with the applicant in respect of their production.

We set out in Annex F of our Rule 6 letter [\[PD-006\]](#) the SoCGs that we request are submitted during the examination of this application; however, we note the response of the applicant in its Procedural Deadline A submission [\[PDA-001\]](#), that there are no internal drainage boards located in the Order limits. As a result, we agree that no SoCG is required with any internal drainage board.

Initial SoCGs with the other bodies listed in Annex F of our Rule 6 letter were initially requested to be submitted by the applicant by **deadline 1 on Friday 1 May 2026**. However, as agreed at the preliminary meeting, the ExA now requests initial SoCGs at **deadline 2 on Friday 22 May 2026**.

Since the Rule 6 was published, we note the request from Stop Lime Down [\[PDA-012\]](#) for a SoCG with the applicant. This was discussed and agreed at the preliminary meeting. The preparation of a SoCG between the applicant and Stop Lime Down should follow the guidance that we issued in Annex F of our Rule 6 letter [\[PD-006\]](#) in terms of the issues that the SoCG should cover.

The initial draft of the SoCG with Stop Lime Down is requested to be submitted by the applicant by **deadline 2 on Friday 22 May 2026**, with the final opportunity for submission of a signed SoCG at **deadline 7 on Friday 2 October 2026**.

2. Land Rights Tracker

As stated at the preliminary meeting, the ExA notes the applicant's submission of an updated Land Rights Tracker (LRT) to capture additional information as requested by the ExA in Annex F of its Rule 6 letter [\[PD-006\]](#). However, the ExA notes that the likely duration of temporary rights sought has not been included in the table. The applicant is requested to revisit this in subsequent updates of the LRT or explain for each land parcel why it cannot identify the likely duration of temporary rights sought.

3. Request for additional plans/ visualisations

During the preliminary meeting, the ExA advised the applicant of additional plans/ visualisations which it requests are submitted into the examination, as follows:

- For each viewpoint that currently has year 1 winter and year 15 summer photomontages, we would like the applicant to provide no later than **deadline 3 on Monday 15 June 2026**, either:
 - A winter year 15 photomontage so that we can understand the effectiveness of screening planting in the winter months; or

- A justification for not providing a year 15 winter view, for example if there is no proposed vegetation screening in the photomontage and the year 15 photomontage would look the same as the year 1 winter view.
- We would like the applicant to provide by **deadline 2** on **Friday 22 May 2026** an updated set of Landscape and Ecological Mitigation Plans [[APP-084](#)] that show guide lines on the plans to help the observer piece them together, and the overlap of the proposed site features on all plan pages.

4. Additional submissions

In addition to the documentation submitted by procedural deadline A, the ExA has exercised its discretion to accept additional submissions from the following:

- The applicant [[AS-007](#)] – in response to our Rule 6 letter, concerning their approach to responding to relevant representations
- Alex Lloyd Jones [[AS-008](#)] – comments on the application
- Conor Harkins [[AS-009](#)] - comments on the application
- Jeremy Nicholson [[AS-010](#)] - comments on the application
- Philip Emsley [[AS-011](#)] - comments on the application
- Rupert Land [[AS-012](#)] - comments on the application

How to access examination correspondence

The application documents and relevant representations can be inspected on the [project webpage](#).

How to stay up to date

All further documents submitted in the course of the examination will also be published under the [documents tab](#) of the project webpage.

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The Examination Library

For ease of navigation, please refer to the [Examination Library](#) (EL) which is accessible by clicking the blue button under the documents tab. The EL is updated regularly throughout the examination.

The EL records and provides a hyperlink to:

- each application document
- each representation and submission made to the examination
- each procedural decision made by the Examining Authority

Each document is given a unique reference number which will be fixed for the duration of the examination. **Please quote the unique reference number from the EL when referring to any examination documents in any future submissions that you make.**

Management of information

Information, including representations, submitted in respect of this examination (if accepted by the Examining Authority) and a record of any advice which has been provided by the Planning Inspectorate is published on the [project webpage](#).

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How to make submissions into the examination

‘Have your say’ page

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Submissions **must not include hyperlinks** to documents/ evidence hosted on a third party website, for example technical reports, media articles and so on. See The Planning Inspectorate’s [Advice for members of the public: Advice for submitting representations or comments](#) for important information about making written submissions. All submissions must be made in a format that can be viewed in full on the National Infrastructure Planning website. Any submissions that exceed 1500 words should also be accompanied by a summary; this summary should not exceed 10% of the original text.

You should select the relevant deadline for your submission and then, on the next webpage, select the appropriate submission item as described in the examination timetable at **annex A** to this letter. Please ensure you make a separate submission for each document and **do not duplicate your submission**. If you consider that your submission does not fit the description of any of the submission items, then please select the submission item ‘Other’ and ensure that it is titled appropriately.

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