

Lime Down Open Floor Hearing 1

2.00pm - 21st April 2026

Good afternoon, I am Lawrence Copeland and I am speaking on behalf of Grittleton, Sevington & Leigh Delamere Village Hall Charity. I am a trustee of said Charity.

I would like to provide more detail to our written submission where we registered our objection to the proposed Lime Down project.

The proposed cable route will pass the eastern edge of Grittleton. According to the Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan, there will be two Access Points (Ref 101 & 102), plus a construction compound leading off from Access Point 102.

The Village Hall is 75 meters from these Access Points, our children's playground is 36 meters away.

Our main hall, where recreational classes are held, is 16 meters from the road leading to these entrances, the children's playground is next to it.

The Traffic Management Plan states:

“accesses along the cable route will generate the following trips per day:

- HGV - 4 deliveries (8 movements) per access;
- LGV - 4 deliveries (8 movements) per access;
- Construction worker arrivals (car/van) – 10 arrivals (20 movements).”

With two access points, there will be 32 movements of HGV/LGV plus 40 of cars or vans, slowing down or speeding up as they pass our Hall and playground, each **day**.

Timings of these traffic movements will be, between 09:30 and 16:30.

This does not include the number of vehicles required to construct and decommission the compound, I couldn't find anything covering that.

So why are these movements important to the Village Hall?

The majority of our income comes from regular hirers running various wellbeing and physical activities e.g. Yoga, Pilates, Fit Camp, predominately held Monday – Friday, 9:30 until 12:30, the same time as these traffic movements.

What was once a peaceful and relaxing environment will be ruined by the noise and pollution of the construction traffic, as they slow down or speed up.

Even getting to our facilities will be stressful as you negotiate the narrow road alongside these HGVs etc.

If attendees stop coming due to the noise and pollution then we can't blame our hirers if they move elsewhere to save their business.

You may say that the construction is temporary however once people change their habits it can be hard to lure them back.

If we lose the income from our regular day time hirers then our business model is broken. How can we maintain the Hall for our evening or weekend hires? The family parties, children's birthday parties, Village social events.

We are just one small part of a far bigger picture, however we are concerned for our survival so felt we had to speak against this proposed development.

Thank you for listening.