

- The design principles state: "We are exploring the improvement of walking routes". At least 30 people a day use the footpath along the Gause Brook up stream of Corston – This footpath will be significantly impacted by passing along the fence to the development, thereby reducing the enjoyment to the Corston community and others.
- The design principles state: "Our Project design will make sure the risk of flooding is not increased anywhere else". Lime Down FAQ states: "no increase in flood risk is expected on or off site, including adjacent communities and downstream settlements". Chapter 11 projects Lime Down D as being predominantly in Flood Zone 1 (0.1% annual probability of flooding). Gause Brook passes through a significant flood plain down stream of Lime Down. In 2025 that flood plain flooded some 17 times. The development of the solar park might be expected to impact the natural workings of the flood plain and in particular to increase the run off and therefore affect the speed at which the water level would rise at times of heavy rainfall. This could overwhelm the A429 bridge in Corston and potentially endanger residential properties in Corston. There appears to be no mitigation provisions in the information provided.
- At a public consultation event it was stated that 4.5m high hedges would be used to landscape the panels. There appears no provision for how a 4.5m hedge might be maintained rather than being allowed to grow into a belt of trees which would not provide a visible barrier for walkers on the foot paths.
- How will the DCO ensure that decommissioning is properly carried out bearing in mind the developer is a Bermuda based company over which the UK Government has little or no jurisdiction. There is also the potential for the Operating Entity to be sold off during the life of the project, possibly to a single purpose company which can simply be wound up to avoid its obligations. Is there any provision for a percentage of revenues to be placed in a blocked account to provide the funding for decommissioning?
- As a resident of [REDACTED] in Corston I am concerned about the noise both during construction and after commissioning. The noise of pile driving during construction will significantly impact our quality of life and the Db level and frequency of noise from the substation and batteries although it may have a low volume is likely to adversely impact the value of our house that we moved to for our retirement 3 years ago.