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Good afternoon. My Name is Jodie Collier

I am a local resident and an employed as a Gamekeeper. it is very important to me, that my perspective is heard for me and my family.

I object to the Lime Down proposal because my whole life and job is rooted in a big area of land that could be affected if the scheme gets the go ahead.

I was brought up in Grittleton, I still live locally and I work in Hullavington. The land around here is my home! The fields, footpaths and views aren't just a landscape, they are part of me and my family and the value I contribute to the local area.

This is where I work and I walk every single day. I also walk daily with my husband, Julian and our son ██████████, alongside our 6 working dogs. 25% of the farm I work on is covered by the Countryside stewardship scheme, The land I game keep is directly affected by the cable route. Since 2013 I supplementary fed wild birds. There has been a dramatic increase in Yellow Hammers, Linnets, Sky larks, grey Partridges to only name a few. There has also been a dramatic increase in the hare population, all of this makes my job even more rewarding.

The proposed cable route slices through the best drive on the farm, which will become unusable during the construction period. This will have a big effect on my job as I will not be able to run the shoot as I need to.

I am told that you will consider 'severance'. Severance has 2 meanings. Can you quantify the 'severance' of a childhood or a lifetime?

We cycle, ride horses and walk with many friends. Friends that travel down from London specifically to escape the noise and built-up environment they live in. They come for the peace and unspoilt countryside that has been created by farming over hundreds of years; they also love this area.

██████████ Lime Down will destroy the safety and freedom he currently has from his own home. They call the scheme 'Temporary'. Well, ██████████ when it's taken down. I call that his lifetime. A lifetime potentially ruined for him.

This landscape is his childhood, his freedom. walking, fishing at the local carp lakes, learning patience in the quiet unspoilt countryside. When he leaves school, he wants to work on the land here.

Lime Down want to industrialise our countryside with metal, concrete, huge solar panels, buzzing inverters, transformers, massive batteries, light and noise pollution.

Almost 3 years of Construction chaos, over hundreds of acres filled with massive panels and forming a 22 kilometre cable route 'scar' across the land to the grid connection.

The major past times around here are cycling, horse riding, walking and running. Big lorries and fast traffic do not mix well with these pursuits.

Big, fast and large volumes of traffic frighten horses and they spook - and people fall off. People are easily squashed by cars, vans and lorries, this is why people hack for many miles on country lanes and NOT on or around main roads - because they feel SAFE. If there is a massive increase in traffic on our narrow lanes it will become as dangerous as main roads.

These lanes are used daily and not just outside the hours of 7-6pm on weekdays or 7-1.30pm on a Saturdays. The developer seems to think the area is only used outside of those hours for these past-times. They are wrong.

I am not a lone voice. Last Saturday 18th, there was a local community event held in Grittleton. It was farming based family fun day with over 3,000 attending. It was amazing.

Farmers, families with children and dogs, tractors, farm machinery and animals - all together, celebrating our rural way of life. Normal people, fund raising to fight the Lime Down proposal. No-one is against renewable energy. There are loads of small solar installations in and around our immediate area already. BUT people are against industrialisation and destruction of a viable working agricultural landscape.

And lastly..... my job is at risk if this scheme happens.

Please refuse this proposal. Let us keep our home, our land, our way of life, and let me keep my job, that I love.

The thought of Lime Down happening is equal to a lifetime of imprisonment. It's NOT temporary it's a lifetime - for me my family and our local community.

Thank you.



Key - Mid Tier CSS & SFI Options

- SAMS: Herbal leys
- AB3: Beetle banks
- AB2: Flower-rich margins and plots
- AB1: Winter bird food
- OS2: Permanent grassland with very low inputs (outside SDAs)
- SW4: 12m to 24m watercourse buffer strip on cultivated land

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Scale 1:21138 (at A3)  
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Dear Jodie,

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

BIRD SURVEY 30.4.26

#### INTRODUCTION

This letter is to confirm the species either seen or heard during a walk through the area which will be affected by the Lime Down Solar cable route, to the east and south-east of the village of Grittleton.

The survey was requested to support your speech (No. 46) at Open Floor Hearing 1 on Tuesday 21 April 2026. In your speech you pointed out that hearing and seeing a variety of wild birds on a daily basis in all areas farmed and managed by Hawker Farms was important to your wellbeing and to that of your family.

The survey was conducted by Stewart Dobson who has lived in Grittleton for 40 years and observed wild birds throughout that time. He is a graduate in Zoology from Imperial College, London and a fellow of The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO). For the BTO Bird Atlas 2007-2011, Dobson submitted summer and winter records for the total area covered by Hawker Farms, which accounted for 65 species and those records are included for reference.

#### SURVEY APPROACH

The route taken was an informal zigzag walking south to north between OS reference ST869792 and ST864803. Weather conditions were bright and clear with a strong breeze and the 60 minute walk began at 0845 on April 30<sup>th</sup> 2026. Table 1 shows the time periods in which twenty-six species were first seen or heard:

0845-0900	0901-0915	0916-0945
Carrion Crow	Kestrel	Jackdaw
Red Kite	Robin	<b>Redpoll</b>
Chaffinch	Song Thrush	Goldfinch
Wood Pigeon	Goldcrest	<b>Greenfinch</b>
Rook	Nuthatch	<b>Marsh Tit</b>
Wren	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Whitethroat
Dunnock	Chiffchaff	
Blue Tit	Pheasant	
Buzzard	Raven	
Blackcap	Great Tit	

The species list as a whole indicates a high diversity in the opinion of the observer which is at risk from the disruption of the cable route. In particular, three rare species shown in bold type were heard in a small copse at ST865796 which is directly on the cable route.

  
Stewart Dobson