

30 April 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

PINS REFERENCE NO: EN010168

DESCRIPTION: Development consent to construct, operate, maintain and decommission a solar photovoltaic (PV) generating station, with a generating capacity of more than 50 megawatts (MW) and associated infrastructure

LOCATION: Lime Down Solar Park, Wiltshire

This response comprises the Cotswolds National Landscape Board's ('the Board's') Written Representations for submission at Examination Deadline 1- 1 May 2026.

The Board submitted Relevant Representations (ref. RR-0944) and these Written Representations should be considered as supplementary to our previous Relevant Representations.

The Board understands that there will also be an opportunity, if required, to provide further comments, including in response to the Examining Authority's questions as the Examination period progresses.

Update on the Board's position regarding the Potential Main Issues for Examination (PMIEs):

Our Relevant Representations outlined that eight PMIEs had been identified by the Board following Statutory Consultation on the Project and ongoing liaison with the Applicant. The Board considered that four of these (PMIEs 2, 3, 5 and 7) had been resolved before the submission of the Board's Relevant Representations and PMIE 6 had been partly resolved.

The four outstanding PMIEs are as follows:

1. Whether the Scheme has the potential to give rise to significant adverse environmental effects upon the Cotswolds National Landscape ('CNL') designation and its setting. In addition, whether the Scheme would seek to further the purpose of CNL designation in respect of the statutory duty outlined at s.85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (as amended).

4. Routing of construction traffic for sites A, B and C and the potential impact upon the tranquillity and landscape and scenic beauty of the CNL.

6. Potential removal of panels from fields C7 and C9 pending the results of further assessment.

8. Details regarding potential appropriate measures to compensate for any assessed residual adverse effects of the development on the natural beauty of the CNL and its setting to enable the statutory duty to seek to further the conservation and enhancement of its natural beauty (Section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, as amended) to be discharged.

Our update on these PMIEs is outlined below, taking PMIEs 4 and 6 first, before the overarching PMIEs 1 and 8.

PMIE 4

This PMIE concerns the routing of construction traffic for sites A, B and C. The Board's current position is that this should be routed outside of the CNL to avoid any potentially significant adverse impacts upon its tranquillity and landscape and scenic beauty. This would align with the mitigation hierarchy underpinning the Project, the first step of which is 'prevent / avoid' to reduce development impacts and control any negative effects on the environment.

The Board notes and welcomes the Applicant's submission of a Tranquillity Technical Note (PDA-010, dated March 2026), submitted on 9 March 2026.

Following an online meeting between the Applicant and the Board's Planning Officer on 30 March 2026, the Board understands that the Applicant intends to submit a further Technical Note at Deadline 1 – 1 May explaining the reasons why construction traffic for sites A, B and C cannot be routed outside the CNL. This Technical Note therefore directly addresses the first 'prevent/ avoid' step of the mitigation hierarchy in respect of construction traffic routing and potential resultant impacts upon the CNL.

Therefore, and in the interests of providing a comprehensive and definitive response to the Examining Authority on this matter, the Board intends on providing our comments on this PMIE at Deadline 2 – 22 May, having reviewed the contents of the forthcoming Technical Note as well as the Tranquillity Technical Note.

PMIE 6

This specific PMIE concerns the nature and scale of visual effects of the Scheme on receptors located on Alderton Road (viewpoint reference VP CNL G).

The Board notes the Rule 8 letter issued by the Examining Authority on 24 April 2026 which includes a request to the Applicant to provide further photomontages from all viewpoints by Deadline 3 -15 June. Currently the Applicant has provided photomontages for most viewpoints showing the development in winter at year 1 and summer at year 15, but critically not for winter at year 15. This would have been a request of the Board in these representations and is important in assessing the effectiveness of the proposed screening planting in winter months once it has matured and the impacts on views to and from the CNL. Assessment of this important additional information may affect the Board's conclusions on this PMIE, as well as PMIE 1 and also, by extension, PMIE 8.

Again, in the interests of providing a comprehensive and definitive response to the Examining Authority, the Board intends on providing our further comments on this PMIE having reviewed this additional information, ideally at Deadline 2 – 22 May, but failing that by Deadline 3 – 15 June (dependent on when the photomontages are submitted).

PMIE 1

This overarching PMIE essentially comprises the Board's overall assessment of the impacts of the Scheme on the CNL and its setting and whether the Scheme would seek to further the purpose of CNL designation.

As outlined above, important additional information has been requested both by the Board and the Examining Authority which needs to be assessed by the Board and considered alongside the rest of the submission to inform a further response on this PMIE.

Again, in the interests of providing a comprehensive and definitive response to the Examining Authority, the Board intends on providing our comments on this PMIE ideally at Deadline 2 – 22 May, but failing that by Deadline 3 – 15 June once this information has been submitted by the Applicant.

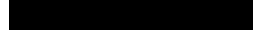
PMIE 8

Once the Board has had an opportunity to consider the additional information outlined above and come to a view on PMIEs 1, 4 and 6 including on the nature and scale of residual adverse effects of the development on the natural beauty of the CNL and its setting we will then be able to provide further recommendations on this PMIE, again ideally at Deadline 2

– 22 May, but failing that by Deadline 3 – 15 June.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this response further.

Yours sincerely,


Planning Officer

Cotswolds National Landscape Board