



# **Lime Down**

## Solar Park

# **Statement of Commonality**

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## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 This document has been prepared to provide the Examining Authority (ExA) with the latest position on Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) between Lime Down Solar Park Limited (the Applicant) and SoCG parties comprising the host Local Authorities, statutory bodies, statutory undertakers and other Interested Parties (the 'parties') in relation to the proposed Lime Down Solar Park (the 'Scheme').
- 1.1.2 This document provides the position on various matters at Deadline 1.
- 1.1.3 The Applicant will, for each deadline during the course of the Examination, update this Statement of Commonality as a record of the progress being made with the SoCG parties. When sufficient progress has been made on agreements between parties, this document will also discuss those areas of commonality between parties to enable the efficient resolution and focusing in on the remaining issues.

### 1.2 Structure of this Document

- 1.1.4 This Statement of Commonality is structured as follows:
- Section 2 details the structure of each SoCG document. **Table 2** provides a full list of SoCGs being produced and sets out an overview of the status of each SoCG being submitted at Deadline 7, when final and signed SoCGs are required (unless a signed SoCG has already been submitted);
  - Section 3 sets out the commonality between SoCGs; and
  - Section 4 provides a narrative on specific topic areas for each SoCG being progressed.

## **2 Statement of Common Ground**

### **2.1 Structure of SoCGs**

2.1.1 Each SoCG adopts a standard format to ensure consistency in the approach taken to documenting matters agreed, matters subject to ongoing discussion or matters not agreed.

2.1.2 Each SoCG is structured as follows:

- Section 1 provides an introduction to the SoCG, identifies the relevant parties and describes the purpose of the document;
- Section 2 summarises the parties' engagement undertaken to date; and
- Section 3 details those matters agreed, those matters under discussion and those matters which have not been agreed.

**Table 1 List of and Status of SoCGs at Deadline 1**

Doc. Ref	SoCG Party	Deadline 1	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EN010168/EXAM/8.2	Wiltshire Council	Draft issued by the Applicant. The Applicant understands that Wiltshire Council is currently reviewing the draft SoCG and will provide its comments after Deadline 1 Discussions Ongoing.						
EN010168/EXAM/8.3	South Gloucestershire Council	Discussions ongoing regarding the requirement for a SoCG.						

Doc. Ref	SoCG Party	Deadline 1	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EN010168/EXAM/8.4	Natural England	Draft issued by the Applicant. The Applicant is awaiting a response from Natural England on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.						
EN010168/EXAM/8.5	Historic England	Draft issued by the Applicant. The Applicant is awaiting a response from Historic England on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.						

Doc. Ref	SoCG Party	Deadline 1	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EN010168/EXAM/8.6	Environment Agency	Draft issued by the Applicant. Response has been received from the Environment Agency which the Applicant is reviewing. Discussions ongoing.						
EN010168/EXAM/8.7	Cotswolds National Landscape Board	Draft issued by the Applicant. The Applicant is awaiting a response from Cotswold National Landscape Board on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.						

Doc. Ref	SoCG Party	Deadline 1	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EN010168/EXAM/8.8	National Highways	Draft issued by the Applicant. Comments have been received from National Highways which the Applicant is reviewing. Discussions ongoing.						
EN010168/EXAM/8.9	Network Rail	Draft issued by the Applicant. The Applicant is awaiting a response from Network Rail on the SoCG. Discussions Ongoing.						

Doc. Ref	SoCG Party	Deadline 1	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EN010168/EXAM/8.10	Wessex Water	Draft issued by the Applicant. The Applicant is awaiting a response from Wessex Water on the SoCG. Discussions Ongoing.						
EN010168/EXAM/8.11	Bristol Water	Discussions ongoing about the requirement for a SoCG.						
EN010168/EXAM/8.12	National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc	Draft issued by the Applicant. The Applicant is awaiting a response from NGET on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.						

Doc. Ref	SoCG Party	Deadline 1	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EN010168/EXAM/8.13	Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service	The need for a SoCG has been confirmed and document drafting is underway. Discussions ongoing.						
EN010168/EXAM/8.14	National Grid Electricity Distribution - (South West) plc	Discussions ongoing about the requirement for a SoCG are ongoing.						
EN010168/EXAM/8.15	Defence Infrastructure Organisation	Draft issued by the Applicant. Comments have been received. All matters agreed.						

Doc. Ref	SoCG Party	Deadline 1	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EN010168/EXAM/8.16	British Horse Society	Draft issued by the Applicant. Comments have been received which the Applicant is reviewing. Discussions ongoing.						
EN010168/EXAM/8.17	Wiltshire Bridleway Association	Draft issued by the Applicant. The Applicant is awaiting a response from Wiltshire Bridleway Association on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.						

Doc. Ref	SoCG Party	Deadline 1	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EN010168/EXAM/8.18	Stop Lime Down	<p>Draft issued by the Applicant.</p> <p>The Applicant is awaiting a response from Stop Lime Down on the SoCG.</p> <p>Discussions ongoing.</p>						

### 3 Commonality

#### 3.1 Overview

3.1.1 This section of the Statement provides an overview of the topics covered in the SoCGs.

3.1.2 **Table 3** presents, at a high level, where there is commonality in the topics discussed between the Applicant and the parties, or where matters are progressing through discussion, or where matters discussed have reached a final position of 'Not Agreed'. Where a topic is not relevant to a particular party, the cell has been greyed out. Where the topic is relevant to the party, the status is shown as follows:

**Table 2 Summary of Commonality Key**

Cell	Status
	Matter agreed
	Matter subject to ongoing discussion
	Matter not agreed
	Matter not relevant to parties

3.1.3 The colour of each cell corresponds to the status figure (as above) in each individual SoCG.

3.1.4 Prior to Deadline 1, the Applicant shared draft SoCGs with a number of parties and received feedback from them. Therefore, where the Applicant considers there to be a high degree of certainty over matters being agreed and is waiting for confirmation, they are marked as green in **Table 3**.

3.1.5 Following the Summary of Commonality in **Table 3**, Section 4 outlines the principal outstanding matters which are subject to further discussion before a final position can be reached.

**Table 3 List of and Status of SoCGs at Deadline 1**

SoCG Party	Principle of Development	Draft Development Consent Order / Planning Statement	Alternatives and Design Evolution	Climate Change	Landscape and Visual	Ecology and Biodiversity	Arboriculture	Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage	Cultural Heritage	Transport and Access	Noise and Vibration	Air Quality	Socio-Economic, Tourism and Recreation	Soils and Agriculture	Human Health	Ground Conditions	Fire Safety	Glint and Glare	Aerodrome safeguarding zone	Other Environmental Matters
Wiltshire Council	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow
South Gloucestershire Council	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
Natural England	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Green	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
Historic England	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
Environment Agency	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow
Cotswolds National Landscape Board	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Green	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
National Highways	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Green	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
Network Rail	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
Wessex Water	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
Bristol Water	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey

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National Grid Electricity Distribution (South West) plc																				
Defence Infrastructure Organisation																				
British Horse Society																				
Wiltshire Bridleway Association																				
Stop Lime Down																				

## **4 Positions at Deadline 1**

4.1.1 This section provides a summary of the position reached across all SoCGs being progressed at Deadline 1. The Applicant will continue to engage with those parties through the examination on matters which are ongoing ahead of the submission of the initial SoCGs at Deadline 2.

### **4.2 Wiltshire Council**

4.2.1 The matters recorded in the SoCG have been discussed through targeted meetings on specific topics, as well as monthly Steering Group meetings, between the Applicant and Wiltshire Council.

4.2.2 Matters included in the SoCG include the principle of development, the Draft Development Consent Order [EN010168/APP/3.1] (Revision 2), alternatives and design evolution, climate change, landscape and visual effects, ecology and biodiversity, arboriculture, hydrology, flood risk and drainage, cultural heritage, transport and access, noise and vibration, air quality, socio-economic, tourism and recreation, soils and agriculture, human health, and other environmental matters.

4.2.3 The Applicant issued a draft SoCG to Wiltshire Council on 15 April 2026 and is awaiting their response.

4.2.4 The matter of noise and vibration is considered to be agreed following a meeting between Applicant and Wiltshire Council on 20 February 2026, as set out in **Table 3**.

### **4.3 South Gloucestershire Council**

4.3.1 The Applicant is seeking confirmation from South Gloucestershire Council if there are any matters which require the preparation of a SoCG.

### **4.4 Natural England**

4.4.1 The matters included in the SoCG have been discussed through targeted meetings between the Applicant and Natural England, with consideration given to landscape and visual effects, ecology and biodiversity and soils and agriculture.

4.4.2 The Applicant submitted a draft SoCG to Natural England on 17 April 2026 and is awaiting their response.

4.4.3 Matters relating to landscape and visual are considered to be agreed following a meeting between the Applicant and Natural England on 18 February 2026, as set out in **Table 3**.

#### **4.5 Historic England**

- 4.5.1 The matters recorded in the SoCG have been subject to discussion through targeted meetings between the Applicant and Historic England. The main matters subject to further discussion relate to the Draft Development Consent Order **[EN010168/APP/3.1]** (Revision 2) and Cultural Heritage.
- 4.5.2 The Applicant issued a draft SoCG to Historic England on 14 April 2026 and is awaiting their response.

#### **4.6 Environment Agency**

- 4.6.1 The matters recorded in the SoCG have been subject to discussion through targeted meetings between the Applicant and the Environment Agency.
- 4.6.2 The Applicant issued a draft SoCG to the Environment Agency on 10 April 2026 and received their response on 24 April 2026. The Applicant is currently reviewing the comments received and will then engage with the Environment Agency further to continue discussions over outstanding matters.
- 4.6.3 The main matters subject to further discussion relate to landscape and visual impact, ecology and biodiversity, hydrology, ground conditions, other environmental matters and the Draft Development Consent Order **[EN010168/APP/3.1]** (Revision 2).

#### **4.7 Cotswolds National Landscape Board**

- 4.7.1 The matters recorded in the SoCG have been subject to discussion, through targeted meetings, between the Applicant and the Cotswolds National Landscape Board.
- 4.7.2 The Applicant issued a draft SoCG to the Cotswolds National Landscape Board on 22 April 2026 and is awaiting their response.
- 4.7.3 The main matters subject to further discussion relate to landscape and visual impact, ecology and biodiversity and transport and access.

#### **4.8 National Highways**

- 4.8.1 The matters recorded in the SoCG have been subject to discussion through targeted meetings between the Applicant and the National Highways.
- 4.8.2 The Applicant issued a draft to National Highways on 13 April 2026 and received their response on 23 April 2026.
- 4.8.3 Matters relating to the Draft Development Consent Order **[EN010168/APP/3.1]** (Revision 2) are still under discussion. Updated protective provisions have been included in the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 1. Transport and access matters have been agreed, subject to agreement on Requirement 15 of the Draft Development Consent Order **[EN010168/APP/3.1]** (Revision 2).

#### **4.9 Network Rail**

4.9.1 The matters recorded in the SoCG have been discussed through targeted meetings between the Applicant and Network Rail, with consideration given to the Draft Development Consent Order **[EN010168/APP/3.1]** (Revision 2).

4.9.2 The Applicant issued a draft SoCG to Network Rail on 21 April 2026 and is awaiting their response.

#### **4.10 Wessex Water**

4.10.1 The matters recorded in the SoCG have been discussed through targeted meetings between the Applicant and Wessex Water, with consideration given to the Draft Development Consent Order **[EN010168/APP/3.1]** (Revision 2), and hydrology, flood risk and drainage.

4.10.2 The Applicant issued a draft SoCG to Wessex Water on 17 April 2026 and is awaiting their response.

#### **4.11 Bristol Water**

4.11.1 The Applicant is seeking confirmation from Bristol Water whether there are any matters which require the preparation of a SoCG.

#### **4.12 National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc**

4.12.1 The matters recorded in the SoCG have been discussed through targeted meetings between the Applicant and National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc, with consideration given to the Draft Development Consent Order **[EN010168/APP/3.1]** (Revision 2).

4.12.2 The Applicant has issued a draft SoCG to National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc on 17 April 2026 and is awaiting their response.

#### **4.13 National Grid Electricity Distribution (South West) plc**

4.13.1 The Applicant is seeking confirmation from National Grid Electricity Distribution (South West) plc whether there are any matters which require the preparation of a SoCG.

#### **4.14 Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service**

4.14.1 The Applicant sought confirmation from Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue service about whether there were any matters they considered required the preparation of a SoCG. Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service responded on 25 April 2026 confirming they wish to have a SoCG with the Applicant and provided their initial position on matters. The Applicant is currently

reviewing these and preparing the draft SoCG which will be shared with the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service prior to Deadline 2.

4.14.2 The main matters subject to further discussion relate to fire safety.

#### **4.15 Defence Infrastructure Organisation**

4.15.1 The matters recorded in the SoCG have been discussed through targeted meetings between the Applicant and the Defence Infrastructure Organisation, with consideration given to the aerodrome safeguarding zone. The Applicant issued a draft SoCG to the Defence Infrastructure Organisation on 14 April 2026 and received their response on 24 April 2026.

4.15.2 All matters are now considered to be agreed, based on the Defence Infrastructure Organisation's current position, as set out in **Table 3**.

#### **4.16 British Horse Society**

4.16.1 The matters recorded in the SoCG have been identified through the relevant representation submitted by the British Horse Society.

4.16.2 The Applicant submitted a draft SoCG to the British Horse Society on 15 April 2026 and received their response on 25 April 2026, which identified additional matters to be added relating to transport and access.

4.16.3 The Applicant will review and update the SoCG, and re-issue it to the British Horse Society for their further consideration before Deadline 2.

#### **4.17 Wiltshire Bridleway Association**

4.17.1 The matters recorded in the SoCG have been identified through the relevant representation submitted by the Wiltshire Bridleway Association. The Applicant issued the draft SoCG to the Wiltshire Bridleway Association on 13 April 2026 and is awaiting their response.

4.17.2 Matters relating to socio-economic, tourism and recreation are not yet considered to be agreed, based on the Wiltshire Bridleway Association's current position.

#### **4.18 Stop Lime Down**

4.18.1 The Applicant issued a draft SoCG to Stop Lime Down on 1 April 2026, based on their relevant representation. The form and content of the SoCG was subsequently discussed with Stop Lime Down at a meeting held on 20 April 2026. The Applicant is awaiting an amended SoCG to be provided from Stop Lime Down which sets out agreed matters and any additional matters which have been informed by the production of their written representation.