

I would like to raise two issues that I believe remain outstanding and that have not been considered to date by either PINS nor by the developer in relation to Lime Down Industrial Solar Complex;

The First relates to the landowners: I believe that as a result of the "cloak and dagger" approach from the very start of this process to date, has not taken into consideration the position of the landowners who signed options agreements at the very outset of this planning process; Five of the landowners I have known since childhood for over 50 years; in many cases their parents or direct relations. At the stage and time that the options agreements were signed or agreed in outline, these Parties had very little information at all of the overall scale and size of the proposal that they were signing up to; furthermore they had, in most, if not all cases, of the implications and the scale of the objections from the community as whole that would be forthcoming. I believe it is not only fair, but vital that these Parties should be directly involved in this process of examination. The proposed term by IGP of Lime Down, of 60 years, I don't believe was ever made clear to the landowners, nor has this terms be agreed by ALL of the landowners; therein I feel that there maybe cause to consider that IGP have misled, or failed to be clear in terms of fair CONSULTATION of the implications of the option agreements signed, nor the full scale or terms of the proposed development. There are three, (if not more), of the landowners, if given the option to withdraw their land from this application, without legal consequence, would potentially withdraw their land forthwith.

This makes clear, that the true implications of their action to sign options agreements, was done without the clear and responsible guidance and explanation from IGP the developer of the full implications. The option agreement process in its self, I dont believe have followed the true process of CONSULTATION, albeit that this may of been required within the bounds of the Landowners alone. I further question that the land agents, responsible for the measured and calculated view on the options agreements at the outset, where provided with a clear and transparent understanding of the full scale of the proposal. This has and remains hidden by a mesh of maze of NDA agreements preventing a clear understanding of what these landowners are signing up to. Surely it is only fair and just for these landowners all to be asked to reassure the Examination - that the process to date has been, and remains transparent and clear, and that they have NOT been misled in terms of Scale and Term of the project from first discussion, to Option and to date.

The Second relates to property and land value; In very simple terms I am not looking at percentages of value lost as a result by the simple application, nor that of what will happen it a DCO is granted; I simply look at this, as a respected and well know residential buying agent across the Cotswolds, that we can all clearly agree - " the desire to live anywhere close to over 2,000 acres of solar and a massive BESS" is simply something that everyone would avoid at all costs; the suggestion to buy a house anywhere close to a development of this scale is simply a no; The result is clear and undisputable, the effect on prices and demand would be VERY significant; there is no desire to move to nor live close to an Industrial Complex of this scale.