

Planning Inspectorate

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Dear Planning Inspectorate

**Lime Down Solar Project Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
Environmental Statement Technical Addendum to Chapter 12: Cultural Heritage**

Further to our letter of 9th January 2026, we have received an Environmental Statement Technical Addendum to Chapter 12: Cultural Heritage.

Annex A includes the two visualisations from Bradfield Manor that we have previously requested. These are taken from the first floor of the Grade I Manor, one looking north-west across the southern part of Site D, and the other looking north-east.

The visualisations demonstrate what would be visible from Bradfield Manor. This does not include the profiles of the individual PV panels themselves, but rather areas of land visible from the Manor that would include the proposed development. The primary impact would be the view to the north-west from Bradfield Manor, where the development would be visible within the fields just below the horizon, including parts of D2, D3, D4, D5, D20 and D21. The photo was taken on the 22nd May 2025, and therefore this includes maximum vegetation screening. We advise that winter views may reveal more visibility of the development.

The visualisation provided to the north-east would include some visibility of D11 and D12, but a reduced impact to that shown in the northwest view.

The rural views from a principal first floor room are designed to be experienced as part of the principal outlook from the Manor. The proposed development would introduce an engineered and markedly incongruous appearance to the wider setting of the Manor, which we advise would cause a small degree of harm to its heritage significance.

We advise that there is potential for the harm to be minimised and mitigated through some additional planting along southern boundaries of the application site, which may potentially provide screening of the visible areas of D2 and D3, D5. It seems unlikely that D20 on rising topography would be able to be screened, but as this site is further from the Manor, the harm would be minimised.



Yours sincerely


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