

Lime Down Solar Project

Interested Party Reference number: [REDACTED]

Text of oral submission by Richard Jeffcoate (speaker number 29) made at Open Floor Hearing 1 (“OFH1”) on 21 April.

INTRODUCTION

Sirs, Madam Good afternoon.

My name is Richard Jeffcoate.

I live in Grittleton and have done so for about 35 years.

COMMENTS

I oppose the proposed Lime Down project and refer you to comments in my initial written response.

Today, I shall comment on the unsuitability of The Street, Grittleton for use by construction traffic.

- 1) The Street passes through the heart of Grittleton village and we have a traffic problem.
- 2) Much of the village was laid out, back in the early to mid-1800s, as an estate village.

The roadways within the village were built to serve the modest needs of the community and local traffic – predominantly horse drawn in that era. Not much about the size of the roads or the village layout has changed since then.

- 3) Residents of numerous houses adjacent to or fronting The Street, including mine, have no off-street parking available to them. We all park on The Street.

- 4) Take into account home delivery grocers' vans; visitors' cars; parcel delivery vans; deliveries to the pub; pub visitors; people attending the church; oil tankers delivering heating oil; bin lorries; garden contractors with equipment trailers, etc.

Street parking is integral to village life.

- 5) Vehicles parked lawfully on The Street reduce the available width of the roadway for use by other vehicles. In effect, this makes lengthy sections of The Street single track.
- 6) I have witnessed chaotic scenes on The Street, particularly bad when traffic using sat nav is unofficially diverted from the M4 - vehicles coming from opposing directions, attempting to pass through Grittleton are obstructed by parked vehicles. Vehicles mount the kerbs at the side of The Street, drive along the pavements and dash for a gap in an effort to get through.

One day a car drove at me on the pavement!

- 7) My wife and I have had two cars written off. Both, parked lawfully on The Street, were hit by a lorry. In separate "hit and run" incidents, our cars have been scratched or dented through impact from other vehicles.
- 8) I am concerned for emergency vehicles – police, ambulances and fire engines – seeking to make their way through or attend a situation within the village, unhindered by congestion on The Street.

- 9) The Street is designated as an access to the proposed cable route and contractor's compound on the east side of Grittleton village, specifically an Abnormal Indivisible Load "Cable route corridor".

The situation with The Street and the traffic problem we have is bad enough, as it is, without being exacerbated by additional and abnormal traffic generated by the project.

Adverse impacts from such additional traffic, would be beyond mitigation.

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Thank you. I hope my submission will be of assistance to you.

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