

# Lime Down Open Floor Hearings,

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*(please note: due to time constraints I restricted my presentation to the text highlighted below in yellow)*

Ladies and gentlemen.

More people submitted objections to Lime Down than to the Gatwick or Luton airport expansions.

More people objected to Lime Down than to the comparably-sized East Park, Botley West, Mallard Pass, Springwell and Fenwick solar NSIPs combined.

By some distance, this was the single biggest popular expression of opposition to any NSIP as well as to any solar project in the UK. Ever.

I've read through all 5000 comments, 98% of which were objections.

But I'll focus today on the 80-plus that were sent in by the so-called GDPRs.

These are the under-18s who can't be named for legal reasons but who represent the generation that probably stands to lose the most from this project.

Reading through these comments I was struck by the range of issues raised by Lime Down that trouble the younger generation.

Many were clearly from very young children anxious about how the countryside and wildlife will be affected by Lime Down.

"Lots of animals and wildlife will lose their homes," said one. "And our fields and animals will die of sadness.

Many of the objections came from older teenagers with an impressively mature grasp of the challenges posed by Lime Down.

One of these had just secured their first job on a farm and was worried that this would be jeopardized by the loss of arable land.

Another was about to start their driving lessons and was concerned about the damage that would be done to the local roads by the construction of Lime Down.

There was one submission from a young equestrian who is worried about how their horse would be disoriented by the sunlight reflecting off the solar panels.

One of the under-18s is a history and classics student who is upset by the possible destruction of heritage assets across the affected area.

Another was a schoolchild who painstakingly listed the 28 species of birds they had identified in their garden, many of which this schoolchild fears will be endangered by the Lime Down project.

A recurring theme, expressed both by the under-18s and by many of their parents, was the irreversibility of the damage likely to be caused by the Lime Down project.

The recognition that once the bulldozing begins, there will be no going back. No second chance. No reset button.

“I understand the need for renewable energy and action on climate change,” said one.

“My generation will live with the consequences of those decisions.”

“That is exactly why I care so deeply about how and where developments like this happen.”

Another said, “Wildlife deserves a future too.”

“If we damage ecosystems now, my generation will inherit a poorer, quieter, emptier countryside.”

Hundreds of adults echoed this fear. One said, “I would expect the installation to be ‘permanent’, affecting 3 to 4 generations, thus harming me, my son, my future grandchildren and great-grandchildren.” That would be a shameful bequest. An appalling legacy.