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Madam and Sirs

I attach the written copy of the submission I made at the Open Floor Hearing on Lime Down on April 21 2026. It was number 17 in the running order.

I am also submitting photographs of some of the PRoWs I listed in my submission as evidence of how some parts of these PRoWs would be the only access for the Applicant to fields along the routes over the railway and stream. There is no other access except along these bridleways.

Photo 1 Bridleway MALW 61/63 over railway line

Photo 2 Bridleway MALW 61/63 on other side of railway

Photo 3 Bridleway MALW 61 over stream

Photo 4 Bridleway MALW59 alongside Bincombe Wood

Thank you for your time in considering this note.

Sara Sorby

Resident of Rodbourne

Open Floor Hearing

Impact on local amenity

My name is Sara Sorby. I live with my partner at [REDACTED] Rodbourne. We would see and hear the development in Area E from our cottage.

We moved to Rodbourne nearly forty years ago, choosing it especially as a quiet hamlet in unspoilt and beautiful countryside.

Every day I walk the dog and ride my horse enjoying the unspoilt bridleways in Area E. Many people of all ages, including children, and from all social backgrounds use these routes regularly and have done so for centuries. Bridleways have always been treasured as part of the fabric of the countryside and should not be discarded lightly.

The bridleway to Stanton St Quintin (MALW 61, 63) is said to be an ancient roadway, indeed ancient drove-way to market. Part of it runs alongside a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). This bridleway would become the main access route for the applicant to reach fields to erect solar panels. There is no other access route over the railway and the stream.

The bridleway alongside Bincombe Wood towards Hanger Farm (MALW 59) would have little protection from construction work. The bridleway due west from Rodbourne road (MALW 60) would pass by the proposed substation and also be a main access route for infrastructure vehicles.

The bridleways would become unappealing, unsafe, and most of all dangerous if the development is allowed to be constructed.

The noise from pile driving, dust and vibrations and the amount of traffic during construction would make these PRowS unusable.

Once constructed, high fencing and 4.5m panels would make the bridleways intimidating for any horse, let alone the effects of glint and glare and the noise of panels moving with the sun. There is bound to be vehicular movement too from servicing the solar panels.

Even the applicant admits, and I quote: "some significant adverse effects to users of PRowS and unsurfaced roads in Lime Down E during construction cannot be mitigated further". May I politely suggest, and earnestly implore the applicant to find somewhere else that can be mitigated.

Madam and Sirs. I am a pensioner in my [REDACTED] and having access to the Public Right of Ways is what gets me out of bed and keeps me sane and healthy. To be denied safe access would have a great impact on my well being and to those others who use them. Denying access would force horse riders on to the roads. Our cherished countryside, so beautiful and safe to ride in, will be ruined.







