

Lime Down Solar Project

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Response to ExQ1 CE1.2 – Cumulative Effects – List of Cumulative Projects

Submitted by: Melksham Without Parish Council

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Melksham Without Parish Council submits the following response to ExQ1 CE1.2.

As the parish council for a directly affected area, the northern part of our parish covers Shaw, Whitley and Beanacre, including the location of the Melksham substation at Westlands Lane, Beanacre. The Council has direct local knowledge of the communities, roads, public rights of way, local infrastructure, landscape, flooding issues and residential areas that may be affected by the Lime Down Solar Project and by other energy and enabling schemes in the wider Melksham and surrounding areas.

The Council supports the concerns raised by Community Action: Whitley and Shaw (CAWS) in relation to cumulative effects, including the matters identified in Annex A: Energy and Enabling Schemes in Shaw, Whitley and the Wider Melksham Substation Area [REP1A-019].

Melksham Without Parish Council considers that the cumulative assessment should not look at the Lime Down Solar Project in isolation, or only within individual parish boundaries. The assessment should take full account of all known and emerging energy, grid, battery storage, substation, cable route, highway, construction access and enabling works in the wider Shaw, Whitley and Melksham substation area.

The Council is particularly concerned that the combined effect of these schemes could result in significant cumulative impacts on local roads, construction traffic, residential amenity, public rights of way, landscape character, flooding and drainage, local infrastructure and the day-to-day amenity of local communities.

These impacts are shared across parish and town boundaries and should therefore be assessed on a wider area basis.

Looking at each project or component separately risks underestimating the overall effect on this part of Wiltshire.

Melksham Without Parish Council therefore asks that the Applicant and the Examining Authority fully review and update the cumulative effects assessment, taking into account the schemes identified by CAWS and any further relevant schemes known to the Applicant, Wiltshire Council, parish councils, town councils, statutory bodies, National Grid, infrastructure providers or other relevant organisations.