

**Application by Lime Down Solar Park Limited for an order granting development consent for the Lime Down Solar Project**

**Case reference: EN010168**

**Examining Authority's note of unaccompanied site inspection 4 (USI4) to which the application relates on 12 June 2026.**

Examining Inspector Janine Laver (lead member of the panel appointed as the Examining Authority (ExA) for the application for the Lime Down Solar Project) undertook the inspection on 12 June 2026. This note is a brief record to inform the Applicant, Interested Parties and any other parties of the actions taken by the ExA.

The inspection was undertaken by car and on foot on public roads and footpaths. A route was planned in advance having regard to issues raised in oral and written submissions into the examination relating to transport, access and construction routes. Details contained in the following application documents also informed the USI:

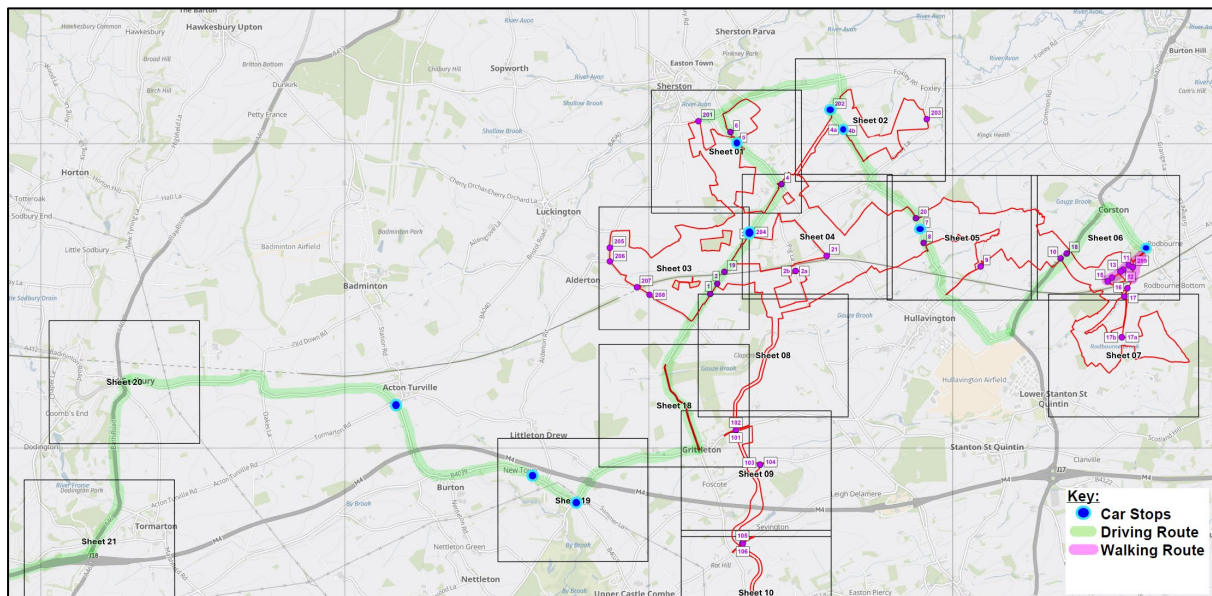
- ES Figure 13-11 Construction Access Locations: Solar PV Sites [[APP-156](#)]
- ES Figure 13-5 Abnormal Load Routes: Solar PV Sites [[APP-150](#)]
- ES Chapter 13 Transport and Access [[REP1-019](#)]
- ES Appendix 13-1 Transport Assessment Rev 2 [[REP1-057](#) and [REP1-059](#)]
- Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan Rev 1 [[APP-287](#)]
- Access Plan [[APP-010](#)]

## Particulars of USI4

Weather: overcast but dry.

Visibility: good.

The Applicant's Access Plan [APP-010] has been used as a base map to plot the route that was taken by the Examining Inspector in the morning:

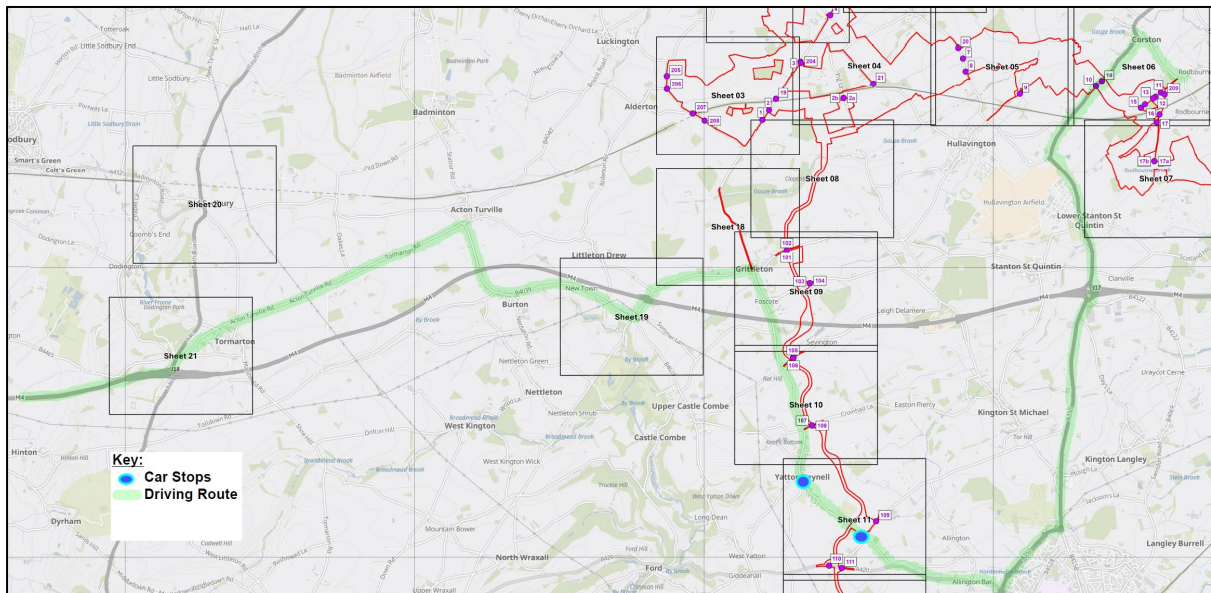


- The Inspector started route on M4 and drove east to junction 18. The Inspector took the exit for the A46 north to the Old Sodbury crossroads, whereby she turned right onto the B4040 and followed this to the B4039 to Acton Turville.
- The Inspector stopped at Acton Turville to observe traffic movements on the bend adjacent to the Fox and Hounds pub.
- The Inspector rejoined the B4039 and followed this to The Gibb. The Inspector stopped on the B4039 close to the 'Coachstyle' MOT premises (what3words: ///everyone.hiker.dangerously) to observe traffic movements on this stretch of road. The Inspector also stopped at the Salutation Inn pub to observe traffic movements on the left turn onto the unnamed road towards Grittleton.
- The Inspector drove along the unnamed road to Grittleton, turning left at Grittleton crossroads into Alderton Road towards the Fosse Way.
- Along the Fosse Way the Inspector stopped at proposed Access Points 3 and 204 to observe traffic movements along this stretch of the road.
- The Inspector rejoined the Fosse Way turning left at the junction towards Sherston. The Inspector stopped at proposed Access Point 5 to observe traffic movements, boundary features and geometry at this location.
- The Inspector rejoined the unnamed road towards Sherston stopping at proposed access 201 to observe boundary features and geometry before turning around and driving along an unnamed road towards the junction of

Foxley Road and the Fosse Way, whereby she turned right onto the Fosse Way.

- The Inspector stopped at the top of the gravel track on the Fosse Way (what3words: ///fuse.wizard.owner) to observe proposed Access Point 202 and traffic movements at the bend of this part of the Fosse Way.
- The Inspector rejoined the Fosse Way towards Norton and drove to proposed Access Points 4a and 4b observing the narrowness of the road and the location and condition of passing bays along the way.
- After Norton and heading towards Bradfield Cottages, the Inspector stopped in a field access close to proposed Access Point 20 (what3words: ///devotion.blindfold.jeeps) to observe boundary features and traffic movements along this stretch of road.
- The Inspector continued towards the roundabout near 'M4 Karting' and on to Corston on the A429, observing proposed Access Points 10 and 18 on the way. As there was no safe place to stop near those proposed access points, the Inspector drove along the A429 to Rodbourne Road and turned right to Rodbourne.
- The Inspector stopped at the top of Pound Hill, Rodbourne and parked. The Inspector walked back along Rodbourne Road and along the length of the track between fields E8, E7 and E6 and E4, E3, E2 and E1 (retracing some of the route from [USI1](#) (Day 2) and [ASI](#) Location No. 2) viewing proposed Access Points 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 209.

The Applicant's Access Plan [[APP-010](#)] has been used as a base map to plot the route that was taken by the Examining Inspector in the afternoon:



- The Inspector left Rodbourne by driving back to Corston and joining the A429 south towards junction 17 of the M4. At junction 17 the Inspector took the exit for the A350 towards Chippenham.
- On the north side of Chippenham, the Inspector took the exit for the West Cepen Way towards the A420 to Bristol (E)/ Allington, subsequently turning onto the B4039 towards Yatton Keynell.

- On the B4039 the Inspector turned left at the Fowlswick Lane crossroads and stopped/ parked in a layby (what3words: [///variously.clustered.lunging](#)). The Inspector observed the traffic on the B4039 at this junction in light of the proposed construction compound/ proposed Access Point 109 on Fowlswick Lane, and in light of comments made in representations [[RR-0450](#)] and [[RR-3603](#)] regarding this location as an accident hotspot.
- The Inspector then drove into Yatton Keynell and stopped to observe primary school traffic between 3:00 – 3:30pm.
- The Inspector drove onto The Street towards Grittleton and turned left at Grittleton crossroads onto the unnamed road towards The Gibb.
- At The Gibb the Inspector turned right onto the B4039 to Acton Turville. At Acton Turville the Inspector turned left into Tormarton Road and followed this to the junction with the A46, whereby she turned left to take the A46 south to junction 18 of the M4.

**End of US14.**