



# Planning Inspectorate

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

**Agenda for issue specific hearing 4 (ISH4) dealing with the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)**

<b>Hearing</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Issue specific hearing 4</b> <b>Draft Development Consent Order</b>	<b>Friday 3 July 2026</b> <b>Hearing starts at 9:30am</b> Registration and seating available at venue from 9:00am and virtual registration process from 9:00am	The National Self Build & Renovation Centre, Lydiard Fields, Great Western Way, Swindon, SN5 8UB  and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

## Agenda Items

<b>Item</b>	<b>Matters to be covered</b>
<b>Item 1</b>	<b>Welcome, housekeeping, purpose of the hearing, participant introductions</b>
<b>Item 2</b>	<b>Main discussion points</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>2.1. Article 2 - Interpretation</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Definition of 'maintain' and whether the wording is precise enough.</li></ul></li><li><b>2.2. Article 9 - Application of Highway Authority Permit Scheme</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Justification for blanket restriction on highway authority and the appeal mechanism in Schedule 16.</li></ul></li><li><b>2.3. Articles 10 and 15 - Power to Alter Streets and Agreements with Street Authorities</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Justification for power to alter streets outside of the Order limits, the street authority consenting provisions and the timeframe for issuing consent.</li></ul></li><li><b>2.4. Article 11 - Construction and Maintenance of Altered Streets</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Clarification regarding the remit of Article 11 and consideration of alternatives (e.g. S59 Agreement (Highways Act 1980) or</li></ul></li></ul>

	<p>revisions to include protective provisions for the local highway authority).</p> <p><b>2.5. Article 14 - Access to Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Justification for the lack of design detail approval from the highway authority for the permanent and temporary accesses listed in Schedule 7.</li> </ul> <p><b>2.6. Article 16 - Traffic Regulation Measures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Whether the notice provision timeframes in Article 16(5)(a) and (b) are adequate, and whether Article 47 provisions apply to the consent referred to in Article 16(4)(b).</li> </ul> <p><b>2.7. Article 41 - Felling or Lopping Trees Covered by Tree Preservation Order</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Justification for the blanket permission to undertake works to or remove protected trees.</li> </ul> <p><b>2.8. Requirements - Approach to Permitted Preliminary Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consideration of submission of a permitted preliminary works (PPW) environmental management plan, or the approach taken in Springwell Solar Farm Order 2026 to include PPW into the definition of commencement in specific Requirements.</li> </ul> <p><b>2.9. Schedule 2 - Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Requirement 5: Consideration of whether the list of details to be approved is extensive enough.</li> <li>○ Requirements 6 to 20: Justification for the inclusion of the phrase ‘substantially in accordance with’.</li> <li>○ Requirement 6: Battery Safety Management Plan review mechanism.</li> <li>○ Requirement 15: Review of Wiltshire Council’s suggested revisions to construction traffic management plans and update on protected provisions.</li> <li>○ Requirement 20: Consideration of the lack of decommissioning bonds and the decommissioning terms more generally.</li> </ul> <p><b>2.10. Schedule 16 - Procedure for Discharge of Requirements</b></p> <p>Justification for deemed consent after 10 weeks.</p>
<p><b>Item 3</b></p>	<p><b>Protective Provisions</b></p> <p>The ExA will invite the applicant to provide an update on protective provisions in Schedule 15.</p> <p>The ExA will also invite statutory undertakers and other parties that would benefit from the protective provisions to comment.</p>
<p><b>Item 4</b></p>	<p><b>Other matters not covered in Items 2 and 3 above</b></p>

	The ExA will provide an opportunity for interested parties to comment on other aspects of the dDCO that were not covered in items 2 and 3 above.
<b>Item 5</b>	<b>Review of the issues and actions arising</b>
<b>Close of hearing (no later than 1:30pm due to ExA restrictions)</b>	

## **Purpose of ISH**

The main purpose of ISH4 is to undertake an examination of the dDCO Articles and Schedules following relevant representations, written representations received at deadline 1, responses to those representations received at deadline 2, and responses to the ExA's first written questions on matters related to the dDCO received at deadline 3.

Discussions at the hearing will be held without prejudice to the ExA's final recommendations about whether or not the dDCO should be made.

This hearing will not examine the detailed content of the provisions relating to the Compulsory Acquisition of land or rights or Temporary Possession of land. A separate hearing on those matters is being held on Tuesday 30 June 2026.

The agenda provided above is indicative and may be subject to change on the day. The latest dDCO will be referred to during the hearing [[REP3-005](#)] (clean version) and [[REP3-006](#)] (tracked change version).

## **Attendees**

The ExA would find it particularly helpful if the following parties could attend this hearing in person or virtually:

- Applicant
- Wiltshire Council
- Stop Lime Down
- Any Statutory Undertaker who wishes to discuss protective provisions

However, this does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All interested parties (IPs) are invited to attend and make oral representations on the matters set out in the agenda, subject to the ExA's ability to control the hearing.

The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail to assist the parties to prepare for the hearing. However, while every effort will be made to ensure that the items set out above will be discussed on the day, if there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are some items that take a considerable amount of time at the hearing, it may be necessary to prioritise those and defer others to written questions or to a subsequent hearing.

Anyone wishing to attend the hearing in person, who has not already advised the case team of this, should do so as soon as possible.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project webpage](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the hearing date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the hearing can therefore view and listen to the hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

All IPs are welcome to submit observations in writing by the deadline following the hearing.

### **Registration process**

Parties who have registered to speak (both in person and virtually) will receive a virtual joining instruction email shortly before the hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. To enable the hearing to start on time at **9:30am** those attending virtually should join promptly at **9:00am** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the registration process in good time.

### **Procedure at ISH**

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at hearings. Questioning at the hearing will be led by the ExA. Cross questioning of a person giving evidence by another person will only be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure representations are adequately tested or that an IP has had a fair chance to put its case.

### **Any questions about this hearing**

Please contact the Case Team if you have any questions regarding the arrangements for the hearing or how to participate.

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