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24 June 2026

Dear Examining Authority,

Lime Down Solar Park Development Consent Order –Submission of Change Application

Planning Inspectorate Case Reference: EN010168

Further to the **Change Notification [REP3-135]** submitted at Deadline 3, I am writing to provide the Applicant's Change Application which relates to the following proposed changes:

- a. Change 1: An extension of the Order Limits at Lime Down D to allow the emergency access to the BESS to connect with the public highway;
- b. Change 2: Realignment of Solar PV Infrastructure within Lime Down C to allow Public Right of Way WT/SHER/18 to be realigned;
- c. Change 3: Update to the Works Plans to allow more flexibility in the detailed design of the interconnecting cable alignment; and
- d. Change 4: Removal of Solar PV Infrastructure from Lime Down C in response to feedback from the Cotswolds National Landscape Board.

The documents submitted as part of the Change Application are set out in tabulated form in Appendix A (new documents) and Appendix B (updated documents) of this letter. Please note that the revision number of documents has remained the same as previously submitted, should the Examining Authority not accept the Change Application



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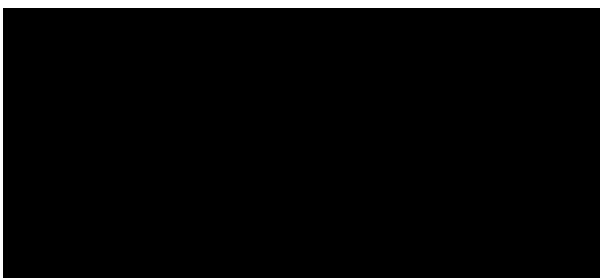
however each document includes [Change Application] after the title in order to ensure that the submitted documents are easily identifiable.

As stated in the **Change Notification [REP3-135]**, Change 1 engages the procedure for “additional land” set out in the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (the CA Regulations), as it comprises the inclusion of 0.044 hectares of additional land within the Order Limits which is required to accommodate highway works. Should the Change Application be accepted by the Examining Authority, a formal period of consultation would be undertaken in July and August 2026. For the avoidance of doubt, the Applicant proposes to consult on all changes (Changes 1 to 4) as part of that statutory process.

The Applicant has noted the contents of the **Examining Authority’s response to a notification by the applicant of its intention to submit a request for changes to the application [PD-011]**, and the Applicant’s response is set out in Appendix C of this letter.

If there are any queries about the Change Application or the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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On behalf of Lime Down Solar Park Limited



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Appendix A - New Documents Submitted as part of the Change Application

Document Reference	Document title	Version Number
EN010168/EXAM/9.40	Change Application and Consultation Report	1
EN010168/EXAM/9.41	Supporting Environmental Information Report	1



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Appendix B - Updated Documents Submitted as part of the Change Application

Document Reference	Document title	Version Number	Reason for Submission
EN010168/APP/1.5 [Change Application]	Guide to the Application (Clean and Tracked)	7	Updated to include the documents submitted as part of the Change Application.
EN010168/APP/2.1 [Change Application]	Location Plan (Clean and Tracked)	1	Updated to reflect the change to the Order Limits (Change 1).
EN010168/APP/2.2 [Change Application]	Land Plan (Clean and Tracked)	2	Updated to reflect the proposed changes (Change 1, 2 and 3).
EN010168/APP/2.3 [Change Application]	Works Plan (Clean and Tracked)	3	Updated to reflect the proposed changes (Change 1, 2, 3, and 4)
EN010168/APP/2.4 [Change Application]	Streets Plan (Clean and Tracked)	1	Updated to reflect the change to the Order Limits (Change 1).
EN010168/APP/2.5 [Change Application]	Public Rights of Way Plan (Clean and Tracked)	1	Updated to reflect the realigned PRoW (WT/SHER/18) and the change to the Order Limits (Changes 1 and 2).



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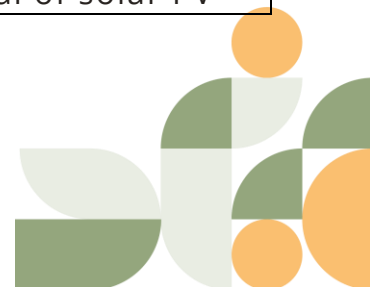
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Document Reference	Document title	Version Number	Reason for Submission
EN010168/APP/2.6 [Change Application]	Access Plan (Clean and Tracked)	1	Updated to reflect the change to the Order Limits (Change 1).
EN010168/APP/2.7 [Change Application]	TPO and Hedgerow Plan (Clean and Tracked)	1	Updated to reflect the change to the Order Limits (Change 1).
EN010168/APP/3.1 [Change Application]	Draft Development Consent Order (Clean and Tracked) (PDF and Word)	3	Updated to reflect the proposed changes.
EN010168/APP/3.2 [Change Application]	Explanatory Memorandum (Clean)	3	Required for the purposes of the Change Application.
EN010168/APP/4.1 [Change Application]	Statement of Reasons (Clean)	1	Required for the purposes of the Change Application.
EN010168/APP/4.2 [Change Application]	Funding Statement (Clean and Tracked)	1	Updated to reflect the proposed changes.
EN010168/APP/4.3 [Change Application]	Book of Reference (Clean and Tracked)	3	Updated to reflect the proposed changes.
EN010168/APP/6.2 [Change Application]	Figures 3-4-1 to 3-4-5 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation Plan	2/3	Updated to reflect the realigned PRoW (WT/SHER/18) and the removal of solar PV



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	(Clean and Tracked)		from Field C9 (Changes 2 and 4).
EN010168/APP/6.3 [Change Application]	Appendix 8-6 Assessment of Effects on the Cotswolds National Landscape and it's Special Qualities	1	Updated as a result of the removal of solar PV from Field C9 (Change 4).
EN010168/APP/7.8 [Change Application]	Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Report (Clean and Tracked)	3	Updated as a result of the removal of solar PV from Field C9 (Change 4).
EN010168/APP/7.9 [Change Application]	Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Appendix Statutory Biodiversity Metric Calculation (Clean and Tracked)	3	Updated as a result of the removal of solar PV from Field C9 (Change 4).
EN010168/APP/7.2 2 [Change Application]	Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (Clean and Tracked)	3	Updated to reflect the change to the Order Limits (Change 1).
EN010168/EXAM/9.11 [Change Application]	Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference	2	Updated to set out the changes made to the Book of Reference as a result



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Document Reference	Document title	Version Number	Reason for Submission
			of the Change Application.
EN010168/EXAM/9.16 [Change Application]	Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order	1	Updated to set out the changes made to the Draft Development Consent Order as a result of the Change Application.



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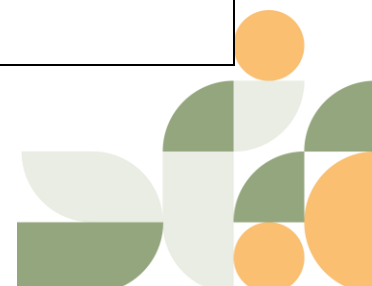
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Appendix C – The Applicant’s Response to key points raised in the Examining Authority’s response to a notification by the applicant of its intention to submit a request for changes to the application [PD-011]

Key Points Raised by the Examining Authority	Applicant Response
The ExA agrees that Change 1 engages the CA Regulations.	The Applicant notes this comment.
The ExA will not be able to formally decide whether the project would be materially different until the Change Application documents have been submitted.	The Applicant notes this comment.
The Change Application should include: a. A clear description of each change including cross reference to accompanying drawings/ plans that can be readily viewed and clearly understood by all parties (in addition to the works plans and land plan). b. An addendum to the ES identifying any changes to the assessments and findings of the individual ES Chapters, if applicable. c. In relation to changes 2 and 4, relevant updates to the landscape and visual assessment and the assessment of effects on the	a. There is a description of each change in Section 3 of the Change Application and Consultation Report [EN010168/EXAM/9.40] with cross references to relevant plans and documents. Furthermore Annex B of the Change Application and Consultation Report [EN010168/EXAM/9.40] provides comparison figures of the changes to aid understanding. b. This information is contained in the Supporting Environmental Information Report [EN010168/EXAM/9.41] .



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<p>CNL and its special qualities given that the changes involve alterations to the Solar PV Infrastructure in proximity to the CNL.</p>	<p>c. The outcome of the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment is reported in the Supporting Environmental Information Report [EN010168/EXAM/9.40]. ES Volume 3, Appendix 8-6 Assessment of Effects on the Cotswolds National Landscape and its Special Qualities [EN010168/APP/6.3] [Change Application] has been updated and submitted as part of the Change Application.</p>
<p>Engagement with relevant parties should continue in order to resolve any issues raised.</p>	<p>The Applicant notes this comment.</p>
<p>ExA considers that the targeted non-statutory preapplication consultation is appropriate</p>	<p>The Applicant notes this comment.</p>
<p>The applicant should provide evidence of its consultation and any responses to it as part of the formal Change Application.</p>	<p>Responses to the non-statutory targeted consultation are summarised in Table 4-2 of the Change Application and Consultation Report [EN010168/EXAM/9.40] along with the Applicant’s response. The responses themselves are provided in Annex C of the Change Application and Consultation Report [EN010168/EXAM/9.40].</p>



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Key Points Raised by the Examining Authority	Applicant Response
<p>The applicant should make clear in its non-statutory consultation report the duration that consultees were given to provide comments on the proposed changes and justify why it considers that enough time was allowed</p>	<p>The duration that consultees were given to provide comments along with the justification for the length of time provided is provided in Section 4.1 of the Change Application and Consultation Report [EN010168/EXAM/9.40].</p>
<p>If the ExA is not satisfied with the extent of consultation undertaken by the applicant, the ExA may request that further consultation is carried out to safeguard the interests of and/ or to inform those potentially impacted by the changes who are not already involved in the examination.</p>	<p>The Applicant notes this comment.</p>
<p>The ExA advise that the applicant post site notices in locations that can be clearly viewed by residents and others who may wish to comment on the proposed changes.</p>	<p>The Applicant sets out in Section 4.5 of the Change Application and Consultation Report [EN010168/EXAM/9.40] that site notices will be placed in locations that can be clearly viewed by those wishing to comment on the proposed changes.</p>
<p>The ExA considers that there is sufficient time remaining in the examination process (taking into account statutory timeframes as necessary) to examine the proposed changes</p>	<p>The Applicant notes this comment.</p>



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<p>The applicant's proposed timetable only provides a period of 12 days for the ExA to decide whether or not to accept the change application. Whilst this is significantly shorter than the 28 days allowed for under regulation 6 of the CA Regulations, the ExA notes that it would enable hearings to be held in relation to the proposed changes in the final round of hearings commencing 21 September 2026.</p>	<p>The Applicant notes this comment.</p>
<p>The applicant's proposed timetable includes the submission of both relevant representations and written representations on the change application at the same deadline. The ExA considers that this approach would be acceptable and notes that a similar approach was taken in the examination of the Lower Thames Crossing.</p>	<p>The Applicant notes this comment.</p>

