

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

Issue Specific Hearing 2 - Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment

Date: 1 July 2026

Venue: National Self Build & Renovation Centre, Great Western Way, Swindon SN5 8UB; and Microsoft Teams

Action points arising

No	Party	Action	Deadline
Landscape Fabric			
1	Applicant	Update the loss of landscape fabric components table, provided in response to ExQ1 LV1.1, to include loss of natural ground cover types.	4
2	Wiltshire Council	Provide reference to any Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project assessments where the assessment of landscape fabric has included both man made and natural components in character assessment.	4
3	Applicant	Confirm the amount of hedgerow loss in the construction phase for the Cable Route Corridor.	4
4	Applicant	Confirm how the control documents incentivise or secure the minimisation of hedgerow loss.	4
5	Applicant	Submit a revised hedgerow height plan, provided in response to ExQ1 LV1.3, to differentiate between hedgerows that are proposed to be managed to a height of 4.5m to mitigate visual impact and those which will be kept to the existing heights.	4
6	Wiltshire Council	Confirm whether any alterations are sought to the wording of the outline Decommissioning Strategy or draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) to secure long term landscape benefit.	4
7	Wiltshire Council	Confirm whether any alterations are sought to the wording of the outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan to provide enough reassurance that existing hedgerows that may not provide sufficient screening (for example Elm hedgerows) will be appropriately reinforced.	4

Cotswolds National Landscape			
8	Applicant and Cotswolds National Landscape Board	Confirm whether there is agreement, through an update to the Statement of Common Ground with the CNLB, on: - the extent of the setting of the CNL; - layout of panels in field A1; and - whether there is sufficient information in the control documents to mitigate impacts to the dark skies special quality of the Cotswolds National Landscape (CNL).	4
9	Applicant	Provide a ZTV drawing that shows Lime Down D and E and the CNL (across multiple sheets if necessary).	4
10	Applicant	Explain how the visual impact of increased construction traffic within CNL would impact on the special quality of tranquillity.	4
11	Wiltshire Council	Confirm whether any alterations are sought to the control documents in relation to proposed lighting as set out in the outline Construction Environmental Management Plan and outline Operation Environmental Management Plan.	4
12	Applicant	Confirm the length of permissive paths within the extent of the setting of the CNL.	4
13	Applicant and Wiltshire Council	Provide details of cases which support the position of each party on how the duty to further the purposes of the CNL under s85 of the CROW act should be applied.	4
Landscape Character			
14	Applicant	Provide an assessment of how the Limestone Lowland landscape type and its sub-divided Landscape Character Areas would be affected including reference to the: - key characteristics; - Inherent landscape sensitivities; and - broad management objectives	4
15	Applicant	Provide an assessment of how the key characteristics of the relevant landscape character types (Limestone Lowland and Hullavington Rolling Lowland) would be impacted by cumulative developments. Explain whether the key characteristics of the character types would be so changed by the cumulative developments as to transform it into a different landscape type.	4
16	Wiltshire Council	To submit a marked-up plan to show the reduction of development they seek to reduce impact of Norton Village setting.	4
17	Applicant	Confirm if there could be security concerns in future that may require further hedge removal	4

		where the fence passes through the hedgeline.	
Visual Impact			
18	Applicant	In relation to the long-term soil stockpiles during operation provide: - indicative information of how the stockpiles could be accommodated within Lime Down A to E; - the visual impact of the stockpiles; and - maximum parameter commitments such as footprint, height and angle of slope.	4
19	Wiltshire Council and Stop Lime Down	Mark up on a plan the minor routes where an intra-project sequential visual assessment should take place.	4
20	Applicant	Submit the Burnt House Farm (2011) appeal decision.	4
Design and Parameters			
21	Applicant	Update the Design Principles and Parameters document (and any other management plans) to accommodate the commitments that Wiltshire Council requested.	4
22	Applicant	Confirm whether the Design Principles and Parameters could be updated to include a commitment to provide an informal environmental colour assessment to the local authority in order to agree proposed colour for all components where there is currently a commitment relating to the choice of colour (BESS containers, switch rooms, conversion units, and control buildings or containers) as well as the acoustic barrier surrounding the BESS.	4
23	Applicant	Confirm if there is an opportunity for emerging detail design decisions to involve the community liaison group and if so how that engagement would be secured, recorded and feed into the discharge of requirements.	4