

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

Issue Specific Hearing 3 - Transport and Ecology

Date: 2 July 2026

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

Action points arising

No	Party	Action	Deadline
Transport			
1	Applicant	Confirm if alternative adverse indivisible load (AIL) Route 1 in the outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (oCTMP) (B4039 to M4 J18), is to remain an option and if so annotate this on the relevant plan.	D4
2	Applicant	Confirm if dialogue between owners of Firs Farm at The Gibb has taken place, given the potential impact on their property.	D4
3	Applicant	Plan [APP-150] to be corrected, as currently shows Lime Down A and C substation AIL route (Alternative) going through Yatton Keynell.	D4
4	Applicant	Provide a plan to show AIL turning circle at Fowlswick Lane compound to demonstrate the Cable AIL Route 2 will not proceed northwards through Yatton Keynell. For all other AIL routes, if AIL vehicles are intended to follow their same routes in reverse after unloading, provide information to confirm those vehicles can also turn around at their respective unloading sites without further undocumented highway works to facilitate those manoeuvres.	D4
5	Applicant	Review and provide detail of notice periods for AIL for road closures and any subsequent Traffic Regulation Order notices which may also be required.	D4
6	Stop Lime Down	Provide updated HGV figures as outlined at the hearing.	D4
7	Applicant	Provide a set of plans showing which parts of the construction route(s) would fail to meet the highway code requirements for passing non-	D4

		motorised users (NMUs) with sufficient verge protection buffer, and/ or provide a log of the locations and the length of those locations that would not provide sufficient passing space for each of the NMUs (with verge protection buffer) in line with the highway code.	
8	Applicant	Provide topographical survey data and plans (with chainage), which indicate road width and condition, to all parties at D4. Also consider whether a useable layered PDF plan which will allow certain features to be switched on and off, can be provided (at D5).	D4 / D5
9	Applicant	Repeat the May 2026 survey of NMUs during before D6 so that the information is submitted into the examination no later than D6.	D6
10	Wiltshire Council	Mark up areas on a plan where you consider highway improvement areas may be required.	D4
11	Applicant	Provide greater clarity on Rodbourne highway improvement area (HIA) and whether this is restricted to the widening of a small access point or more extensive, and why this is required as a permanent HIA.	D4
12	Applicant	Provide a full response to the points raised by Wiltshire Council and Stop Lime Down and ensuring that the discussion on Table 2 of REP1-172 is not overlooked.	D4
Ecology			
13	Wiltshire Council	<u>Mitigation</u> Submit the referenced case law on European Protected Species (EPS) surveys.	D4
14	Wiltshire Council	<u>Mitigation</u> To cover in their post-hearing submissions information regarding the application of the mitigation hierarchy.	D4
15	Stop Lime Down	<u>Mitigation</u> Submit response to the applicant's approach to, and application of, the mitigation hierarchy.	D4
16	Applicant	<u>Habitat and Species Surveys</u> To provide information caveating the assessment (specifically the approach to survey work) and conditions of the environmental assessment and respond to Wiltshire Council information at D4 on caselaw and legal opinion on EPS.	D5
17	Applicant	<u>Hedgerows and Horizontal Directional Drilling</u> Submit a list of areas where open trenching techniques have been avoided and reasons for it in relation to hedgerows and the practical considerations. The applicant should detail the practical implications of the wider use of HDD	D4

		and what this would mean for hedgerows across the site.	
18	Wiltshire Council	<u>Hedgerows removal wording in the DCO</u> Review the changes proposed by the applicant in Schedule 12 and DCO article 40(1) and provide comments.	D4
19	Applicant	<u>Trees</u> Applicant to include commitment in the outline Operational Environmental Management Plan (oOEMP) to using an Arboricultural Clerk of Works during maintenance and replacement activities.	D4
20	Applicant	<u>Ancient Woodland</u> Submit updated plans to show that arrangements have been made to maintain the 15m buffer at North Bincombe Woods and confirmation in a management document of the uses and machinery that might occur on the existing access track in that buffer area.	D4
21	Applicant	<u>Ancient Woodland</u> Submit justification of intrusion into 15m buffer zone at Surrendell Wood.	D4
22	Applicant	<u>Grittleton junction</u> Plans to confirm area needed and no damage of root areas (only use of verges). Same for the rest of the highway improvement areas.	D4
23	Applicant	<u>Watercourse buffers</u> Provide ecological rationale for using an 8m minimum buffer from watercourses (irrespective of a hydrological reason for the buffer), having regard to the Environment Agency's advice to provide a 10m buffer.	D4
24	Environment Agency	<u>Watercourse buffers</u> Provide further detail and justification regarding why a 10m watercourse buffer is necessary from an ecological perspective.	D4
25	Applicant	<u>Water vole surveys</u> Applicant to liaise with the Environment Agency on survey discrepancy and provide an update.	D4
26	Applicant and Wiltshire Council	<u>Monitoring</u> Applicant to discuss with Wiltshire Council the mechanism to ensure resources for monitoring, including Biodiversity Net Gain, and submit an update.	D5
27	Applicant	<u>Skylark monitoring</u> Submit more details regarding monitoring of skylark habitat and add a commitment to adaptive management plan in the outline Operational Environmental Management Plan.	D4

28	Applicant	<u>BNG methodology</u> Add a response to Wiltshire Council observations 2 to 11 from their Written Representation in the Statement of Common Ground.	D5
29	Applicant	<u>Grazing</u> To provide further information regarding sheep grazing and its compatibility with the management plans and comment on the effect of sheep grazing on hydrology. Also clarify the areas where sheep grazing could occur with an explanation of how this is controlled through the draft Development Consent Order.	D4