

My name is Anna Layton and I have lived in the area for over 25 years.

First of all I would like to say that I support renewable energy – we have a heat pump, and solar panels that charge our cars. For many reasons I do not support Lime Down, mainly because it's carbon footprint is so large that it is likely that it will have produced more carbon than it saves well past 2050 when we are supposed to have reached net zero. Independent reports produced by Derby and Exeter Universities both appear to have come to this conclusion. If that is the case, how 'green' is the energy it would produce?

In Chapter 3 of IGP's Environmental Statement Plate 3-3 shows an illustration of Tracker Solar PV Panels following the sun position during the summer. However there does not seem to be a similar illustration demonstrating what the panels do during the winter when there will be less vegetation so will be much more visible. From other reports it appears that they will be at their full 4.5 metre height from 8-10am and 2-4pm and at 3.5 metres for the majority of the remaining daylight hours so even more intrusive.

Although we live in Great Somerford we do walk around Rodbourne, an area that would be ruined by Lime Down. The wonderful long views will be blocked by panels and fences for years to come, and the peace, quiet and bird song would be replaced by humming. And what about the skylarks and yellowhammers whose nesting sites could be decimated? The same applies through the whole Lime Down area. A few years ago I kept my horse at Hullavington and regularly rode past Surrendell, along Pig Lane, the Fosse and bridleways. Such peaceful areas which would be changed enormously. During construction periods riding on the roads will become dangerous – HGVs and horses do not go well together. I would not consider keeping my horse in that area again and from what I gather others feel the same. This does not bode well for livery yards or those who earn a living through horses.

I would like to finish by saying again that I cannot support Lime Down as it seems it will not be helping reduce the UK's carbon footprint or benefitting the local community.

Thank you very much.