

Representation to the Planning Inspectorate — Lime Down Solar Park (EN010168)

Submitted by: Hullavington Parish Council

Hullavington Parish Council wishes to draw the Examining Authority's attention to a specific and serious road safety concern that we feel has not been adequately articulated in our previous representations.

The junction of The Street, Hullavington, with Norton Road presents a significant and existing hazard for active travellers — pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders — particularly at the point where the road passes under the railway bridge in the direction of the Tap café – the Flying Monk. This stretch of road currently offers no refuge, footway, or safe passing place for vulnerable road users, creating dangerous conditions even under current traffic volumes. The road is derestricted, we have a primary school on that end of the street and we now have an additional estate under construction at that junction with 71 new properties.

The Parish Council is deeply concerned that construction traffic associated with the Lime Down Solar Park development will materially worsen these conditions. Any increase in HGV and construction vehicle movements along this route will significantly heighten the risk to pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders using what is an established active travel corridor for our community. Indeed for cyclists commuting to Malmesbury, this is the only practical route avoiding the A249.

We note that this concern was also raised by the Wiltshire Council Transport representative at the Issue Specific Hearing held on 2nd July 2026, and we respectfully request that the Examining Authority give it appropriate weight in its assessment of the traffic and transport impacts of this development.

We urge that any consent granted include robust and enforceable conditions or obligations requiring the applicant to assess, mitigate, and monitor the impact of construction traffic on active travellers at this specific location, including consideration of a Construction Traffic Management Plan that explicitly addresses the safety of vulnerable road users on Norton Road and the approach under the railway bridge.

Hullavington Parish Council
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