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DEADLINE 4 POST ISH2 SUBMISSION

At the ISH2 hearing, as an Interested Party, I commented on the impact on the views from the road from Norton towards the CNL and in particular to the long views through the existing gaps in the hedges and gateways into fields on the right (B9-B6). Field B6 is right by the Fosse Way and very close to the boundary of the CNL.

The plan at Fig 1 shows the fields in question the proximity to the Fosse Way and PRowS and the CNL to the proposed panels in Lime Down B. This is an extract from the layered plan submitted by SLD at WR Appendix Z [AS-019] which should be viewed if more detail is required.

These long views over flat land are enjoyed by anyone driving or cycling or otherwise travelling towards the CNL throughout the year and would be totally changed if 4.5m panels are installed in those fields, whatever mitigation steps are taken.

Currently from the Fosse Way just after the sharp bend (Field B6) the view through the gate (shown with a purple arrow on plan as an access) affords views all the way to the water tower in Malmesbury (see Figures 2 and 3).

There are also long views through the existing access over Field 9 towards Foxley (Figure 6) and from the existing access gaps on the hill up towards the Fosse Way (Figure 5)

The places from which most of these photos were taken (in high summer) and the angle of view is shown on Figure 4.

As indicated in my Comments on documents submitted at Deadline 2 [REP3-175] I have serious concerns about the survival of the mitigation planting proposed in the absence of a watering regime which does not appear to be properly addressed by the Applicant. Any mitigation will only obscure the long views, in an effort to hide the panels.

The plan at Figure 1 also shows that users of WT SHER11 coming from the CNL would see the panels in B6 and probably other fields in Lime Down B. The area is criss-crossed with PRowS and byeways used by ramblers going to and from and CNL.

Separately, and arising from what was said by the Applicant's solicitor at ISH4, I note that the Applicant has confirmed that sheep grazing under panels is not part of the proposed Scheme. As indicated in my earlier submissions, the images in the materials used by the Applicant inform the public have been misleading. It is noteworthy that the Lime Down website (Figure 8) shows sheep grazing in very wide gaps between panels which are not of the type proposed giving anyone unfamiliar with the actual details of the scheme proposed the impression that the panels would not be significantly taller than the panels often seen by motorways and affording grazing opportunities.

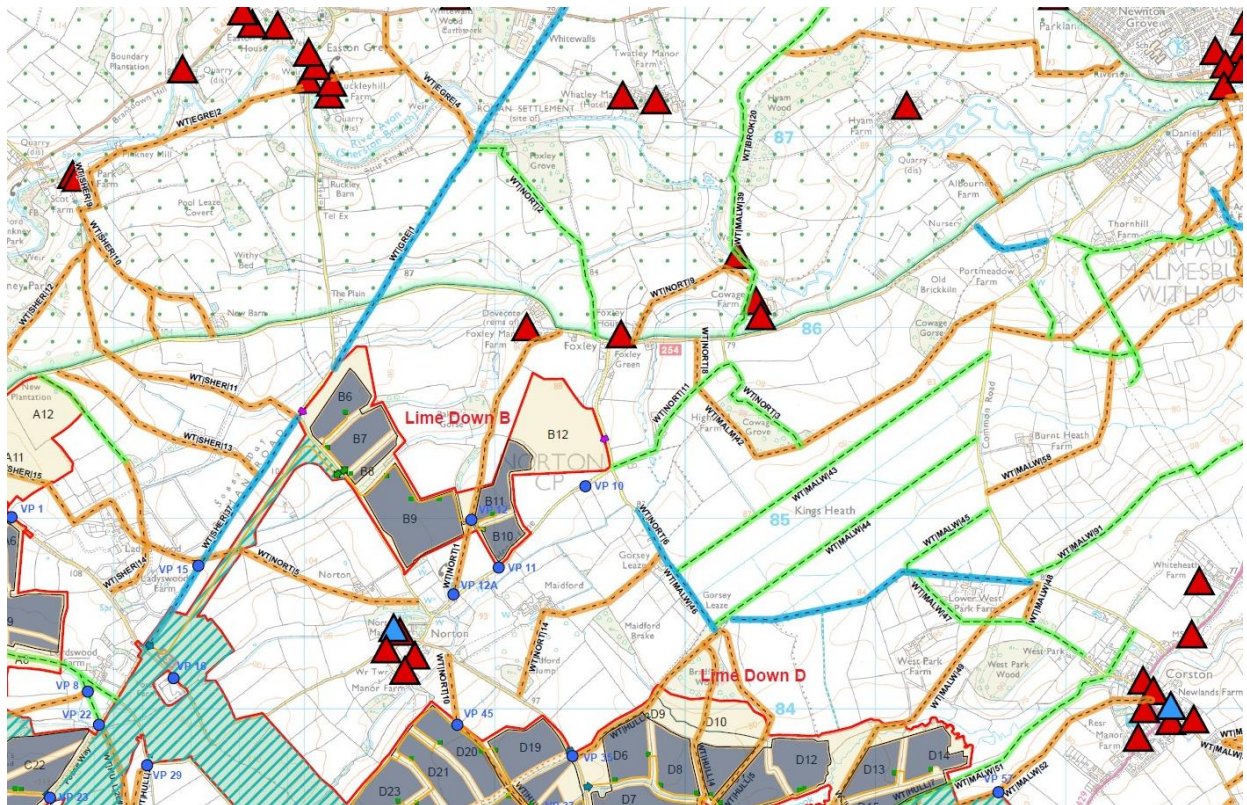


Figure 1 extract from SLD layered plan Appendix Z showing CNL boundary and fields B9-6 beside road from Norton towards CNL and PRoW



Figure 2 View towards the water tower in Malmesbury on the horizon



Figure 3 View from Fosse Way access (purple arrow on plan) into Field B6



Figure 5 Views from existing access (marked with green dot) taken from passing place





Figure 6 View over B9 towards Foxley

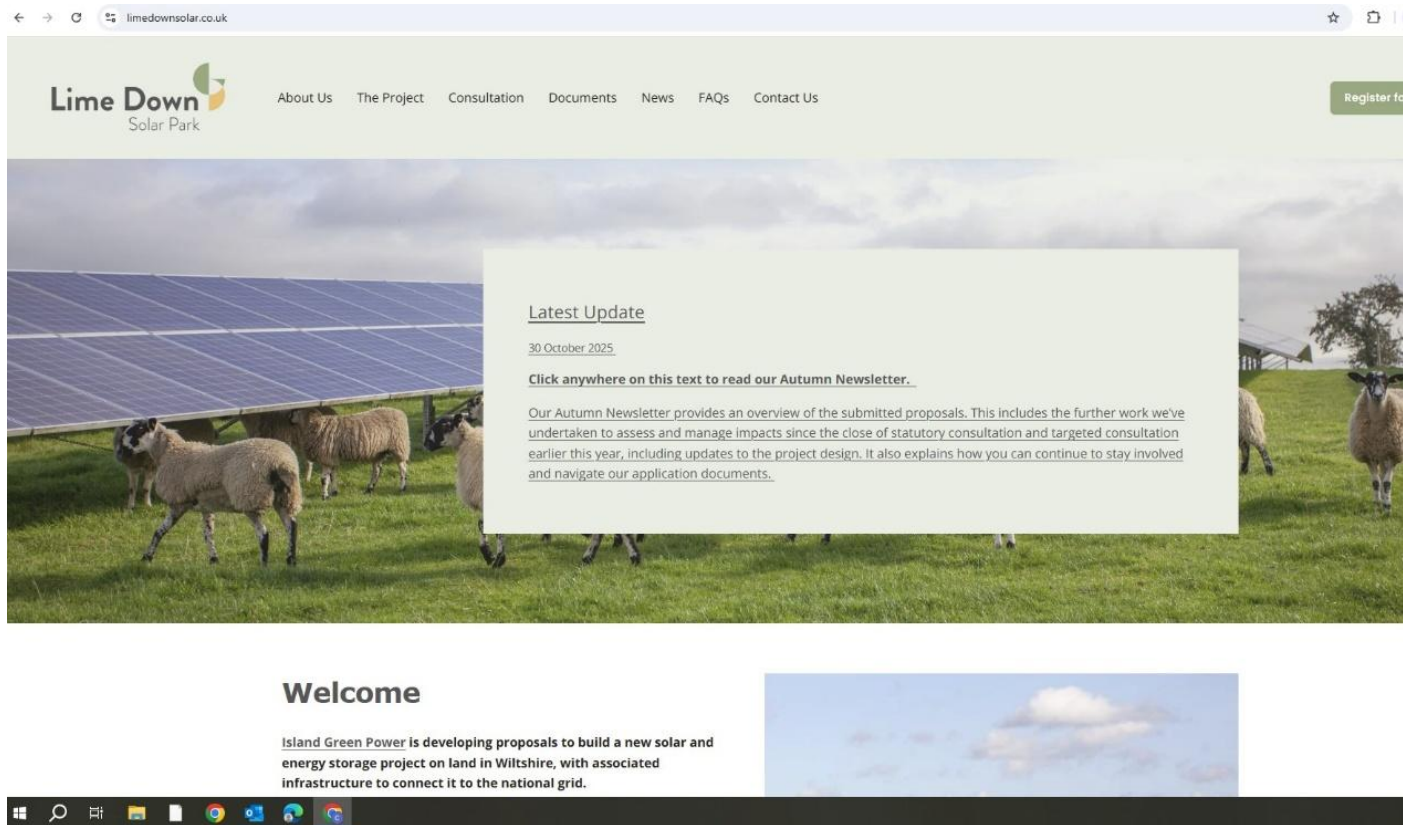


Figure 68 Lime Down website