

Luckington and Alderton Parish Council request that the Planning Inspectorate Examining Authority accept this response to the applicant's (Lime Down Solar Park) Change Application (June 26). PI Ref: EN0101168 Document Reference EXAM / 9.40

Luckington and Alderton Parish Council (LAPC) are disappointed that, whilst the Applicant (LDSP) has included correspondence between LAPC and LDSP regarding the Change Application within their 'Change Application and Consultation Report document (EXAM/9.40), they have chosen to do so in such a way that the detail of that correspondence is illegible, indistinct, out of focus and cannot be read. This has effectively resulted in the comments made by this council being excluded from the consultation process. It is unclear as to whether this is a deliberate act, lack of attention to detail, or simply incompetence. Sadly, this is not the first example of the views of legitimate community representative organisations being marginalised or excluded by the Applicant.

We therefore ask that this exchange of correspondence (shown below) be accepted by the ExA into the Examination Library in this, clearly legible format.

The correspondence below outlines the concerns and reservation voiced by LAPC when asked to comment on the proposed Change Application. The ExA has accepted the Change Application, and the Applicant has now submitted numerous additional documents in support of that Change Application. We have now had the opportunity to consider them, but are disappointed that they seem to largely consist of representations of previously provided information, contain limited new detail, and do not adequately address the issues which we raised with the Applicant in our earlier correspondence. These issues are:

The changes proposed within »Change.9« is in our view a significant change within the Lime Down »A" area and does have significant implications as instead of solely hosting panels and their limited infrastructure the new proposal indicates that substantial below ground and potential above ground infrastructure could now be located within the Lime Down »A" area. This brings this more substantial solar infrastructure much closer to the houses in and around Alderton than was previously planned and represents a more worrying and intrusive proposal than that which the local community were previously consulted on;

»Change.0« is confusing and requires more detailed explanation and additional information. It is unclear why that specific area is included or why you have drawn the boundaries where you have. There is almost identical landscape alongside it but this has been ignored and left outside the perimeter why? What is the rationale for this? We do support the removal of panels from this »visible" area but do not understand why it has been so limited and would advocate that a much larger area »visible" area around it with similar landscape characteristics should also be included in the »panel free" zone;

We believe that these currently proposed changes (Change »9" and Change »0") have the potential to negatively impact the local community much more significantly than the previous application proposals on the »construction" »operational" and »decommissioning" phases of the project in the areas of;

– Archaeology;

- Noise.Pollution;
- Flooding;
- Surface.Drainage;
- Traffic.Management;
- Environment;
- Ecology;
- Soil.damage-disruption;
- Landscape.and.Visual;

We.do.not.consider.it.adequate.for.the.developer.to.simply.make.such.unsubstantiated.
statements.without.providing.supporting.evidence.or.detailed.explanation.If.the.developer.has.
gone.through.a.decision_making.process.to.reach.that.conclusion?then.the.process.
undertaken?the.rationale.used.and.the.reasoning.on.which.such.a.recommendation.or.
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change.request;Doing.so?is.likely.to.encourage.the.local.communities.and.wider.public.to.view.
the.developer's.assertions.with.more.credibility;

In our view, the level of detail provided by the Applicant in the Change Application, is still inadequate and lacks sufficient detail or clarity. Therefore our objection to these changes is maintained, as is our objection to the wider scheme, which is simply too big, has too many negative impacts on the local environment and is wholly inappropriate for this area.

Luckington and Alderton Parish Council.

20th August 2026

For Clarity – here is the previous correspondence between the Applicant and LAPC:

From Parish Clerk [REDACTED]@luckington.org.uk>

Date Thu 18/06/2026 15:17 To info@limesdownsolar.co.uk <info@limesdownsolar.co.uk>

Dear ,

Thank you for your recent email briefly outlining the developer's proposed changes to the Development Consent Order (DCO). The Parish Council has now considered this, and we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes before they are submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on the 24th June2026.

However, it is disappointing that you have given Parish Councils so little time to reply, we know you are aware that many parishes only meet monthly, and many Parish Councils meet less frequently than that. It would have been more reasonable to allow Parish Councils more than 10 days to respond to your request (19th June2026).

I note that you are proposing that these "changes" will later undergo a Statutory Consultation, and you are suggesting that this will take place in July/August 2026. Since this coincides with the

peak school /family holiday period, please ensure there is sufficient time for a proper consultation to take place, we would suggest that a minimum period of 6 weeks should be considered.

Your email is so brief that it is difficult to fully understand the changes the developer is seeking to make, and the absence of any cross-referencing of the proposed changes with the relevant parts of the application documents is unhelpful, confusing and disingenuous. It would be very beneficial if detailed cross-referencing is included in the documentation before it formally submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, without it, we feel it is unlikely that the public will be able to fully understand the proposed changes or make informed comments on them.

The mapping you have provided is also of poor quality, and as the areas subject to the proposed changes are not wholly coterminous with field boundaries on your other maps, locating them in context is challenging and overly time consuming. We would suggest that you provide additional maps to show the change areas within the wider context of each of the Lime Down 'A' to 'E' sites (as appropriate) so that those being consulted can identify and assess the proposed changes with ease.

We do not agree with your assertion that these changes represent limited refinements to the overall scheme, and the lack of any detail regarding the proposed changes and the lack of any demonstrable rationale or explained decision-making process, does little to reassure us regarding your assertion that the proposed changes will "not give rise to any new or different environmental effects".

The changes proposed within "Change 3" is, in our view, a significant change within the Lime Down 'A' area and does have significant implications, as instead of solely hosting panels and their limited infrastructure, the new proposal indicates that substantial below ground and potential above ground infrastructure could now be located within the Lime Down 'A' area. This brings this more substantial solar infrastructure much closer to the houses in and around Alderton than was previously planned and represents a more worrying and intrusive proposal than that which the local community were previously consulted on.

"Change 4" is confusing and requires more detailed explanation and additional information. It is unclear why that specific area is included, or why you have drawn the boundaries where you have. There is almost identical landscape alongside it, but this has been ignored and left outside the perimeter, why? What is the rationale for this? We do support the removal of panels from this 'visible' area, but do not understand why it has been so limited, and would advocate that a much larger area 'visible' area around it, with similar landscape characteristics, should also be included in the 'panel free' zone.

We believe that these currently proposed changes (Change '3' and Change '4') have the potential to negatively impact the local community much more significantly than the previous application proposals, on the 'construction', 'operational' and 'decommissioning' phases of the project in the areas of:

- Archaeology.
- Noise Pollution.
- Flooding.
- Surface Drainage.

- Traffic Management.
- Environment.
- Ecology.
- Soil damage/disruption.
- Landscape and Visual.

We would ask that each of these identified key areas be revisited by the developer and updated documentation/reports should be produced and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate providing evidence to substantiate the developer's claim that the proposed changes do "not give rise to any new or different environmental effects".

We do not consider it adequate for the developer to simply make such unsubstantiated statements without providing supporting evidence or detailed explanation. If the developer has gone through a decision-making process to reach that conclusion, then the process undertaken, the rationale used and the reasoning on which such a recommendation or assertion is made should be fully explained and transparently documented as part of the change request. Doing so, is likely to encourage the local communities and wider public to view the developer's assertions with more credibility.

On the scant information provided in your email regarding the proposed changes, we object to them. We would ask that you provide sufficiently detailed, evidenced and explained information about the proposed changes, so that we can properly consider them and make a more informed response.

Forwarded on behalf of Luckington and Alderton Parish Council.

Clerk to Luckington and Alderton Parish Council

From: info@limesdownsolar.co.uk <info@limesdownsolar.co.uk>Sent: 09 June 2026 18:19To: Parish Clerk [REDACTED]@luckington.org.uk>Subject: Lime Down Solar Park – Proposed Change to the DCO Application

I am writing to inform you regarding proposed changes to the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for Lime Down Solar Park and provide you with the opportunity to comment before a Change Application is submitted.

We submitted an application for a DCO to the Planning Inspectorate in September 2025. The application was accepted for Examination by the Planning Inspectorate in October 2025, and the Examination is currently ongoing.

Since submission, we have continued to engage with stakeholders and undertaken a further review of the Scheme. This has informed a number of minor changes to the application. These changes are intended to make limited refinements to the Scheme, including in response to stakeholder feedback and updated information received since submission.

We are contacting you because two of the proposed changes (Change 3.1 and Change 4) are located within the Luckington Parish Council area. We are therefore providing you with

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information about this proposed change and the opportunity to comment before the Change Applications submitted.

Please note that as indicated within the Deadline 2 submissions, a Change Notification is intended to be submitted at Deadline 3 submission (15 June 2026) with the Change Application itself being submitted on 24 June 2026.

We would therefore welcome any comments you wish to provide by

Friday 19 June 2026

, so these can be considered before the Change Application is submitted. Comments can be submitted by email to info@limedownsolar.co.uk, or in writing to FREEPOST LIME DOWN SOLAR.

Should the Change Application be accepted by the Examining Authority, a statutory consultation will be held on the changes at a later date. This is currently anticipated to take place in July and August 2026.

Change 3: Update to the Works Plans to allow more flexibility in the detailed design of the interconnecting underground cable alignment

Change 3 comprises an update to some areas within Lime Down A, C and E to include Work Number 5B, which allows for electrical cables of up to 132 kV, in addition to Work Number 1(d), which allows for electrical and communications cabling.

The DCO application already includes areas where electrical and communications cabling can be installed within the Solar PV Sites. These areas are shown on the Works Plans as Work Number 1(d). The Works Plans are the application plans that show the different parts of the Scheme and where different types of works are proposed. You can view the plans

here

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Some parts of Work Number 1(d) already include areas of Work Number 5B. This proposed change would update the Works Plans so that Work Number 5B is included across the full area of Work Number 1(d) within the relevant parts of Lime Down A, C and E.

This would provide more flexibility at the detailed design stage, when the precise alignment of the interconnecting cables is confirmed. The interconnecting cables are the cables that would connect different parts of the solar park, including the Conversion Units, 33 kV Sub-distribution Switch Rooms, 132 kV Substations, the 400 kV Substation and the Solar PV Sites.

The plan provided/attached shows the additional areas where we are seeking to include Work Number 5B in addition to Work Number 1(d). These are located within Lime Down A, shown as Change 3.1; Lime Down C, shown as Change 3.2; and Lime Down E, shown as Change 3.3.

All cabling would be installed underground and would be subject to the parameters set out in the Design Principles and Parameters document

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. There is no change to the extent of the Order Limits (the boundary of the land included within the DCO application) associated with Work Number 5B being included in addition to Work Number 1(d).

Change 4: Removal of Solar PV Infrastructure from Lime Down C in response to Cotswolds National Landscape Board

Feedback

This proposed change relates to Field C9 at Lime Down C. Following ongoing engagement with the Cotswolds National Landscape Board, we are proposing to remove solar infrastructure from this field.

This change responds to feedback about how the solar infrastructure could be seen from receptors located on Alderton Road. It would reduce the amount of solar infrastructure proposed in this part of Lime Down C and help reduce potential visual impacts in this location.

The changes are considered to be minor and is intended to make a limited retirement to the Scheme. They do not significantly alter the nature, scale or overall extent of the Scheme. Furthermore, the proposed changes does not give rise to any new or different environmental effects.

Please find enclosed:

Change 3 Location - which shows the location of the change described above.

Change 4 Location - which shoes the location of the change described above.

Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this email, please do not hesitate to contact the project team using the details below:

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info@limesdownsolar.co.uk

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