

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

Agenda for issue specific hearing 7 (ISH7) dealing with matters relating to environmental matters, including management plans

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue specific hearing 7 Environmental Matters including, but not necessarily limited to, outline Management Plans	Thursday 17 September 2026 Hearing starts at 9:30am Registration and seating available at venue from 9:00am and virtual Registration Process from 9:00am	The National Self Build & Renovation Centre, Lydiard Fields, Great Western Way, Swindon, SN5 8UB and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Agenda items

Item	Matters to be covered
Item 1	Welcome, housekeeping, purpose of the hearing, participant introductions
Item 2	Design Principles and Parameters Initial views of Wiltshire Council and other interested parties (IPs) will be sought on whether any amendments to the most recent version [REP4-043] are necessary. The Applicant will have an opportunity to respond
Item 3	Outline Permitted Preliminary Works Environmental Management Plan Initial views of Wiltshire Council and other IPs will be sought on whether any amendments to this document [REP5-0106] are necessary and whether it should be treated as an outline document with final version requiring approval as part of a requirement in the Development Consent Order. The Applicant will have an opportunity to respond
Item 4	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) Initial views of Wiltshire Council and other IPs will be sought on whether any amendments to the most recent draft [REP6-029] are necessary. The Applicant will have an opportunity to respond

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Item 5	Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan Initial views of Wiltshire Council and other IPs will be sought on whether any amendments to the most recent draft [REP6-031] are necessary. The Applicant will have an opportunity to respond
Item 6	Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan Initial views of Wiltshire Council and other IPs will be sought on whether any amendments to the most recent draft [REP6-037] are necessary. The Applicant will have an opportunity to respond
Item 7	Outline Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy Initial views of Wiltshire Council and other IPs will be sought on whether any amendments to the most recent draft [REP6-039] are necessary. The Applicant will have an opportunity to respond
Item 8	Outline Soil Resources Management Plan Initial views of Wiltshire Council and other IPs will be sought on whether any amendments to the most recent draft [REP6-035] are necessary. The Applicant will have an opportunity to respond
Item 9	Outline Battery Safety Management Plan Initial views of Wiltshire Council and other IPs will be sought on whether any amendments to the most recent draft [REP3-106] are necessary. The Applicant will have an opportunity to respond
Item 10	Outline Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan Initial views of Wiltshire Council and other IPs will be sought on whether any amendments to the most recent draft [REP3-104] are necessary. The Applicant will have an opportunity to respond
Item 11	Mitigation Route Map Initial views of Wiltshire Council and other IPs will be sought on whether any amendments to the most recent draft [REP5-102] are necessary. The Applicant will have an opportunity to respond
Item 12	Other matters, if required
Item 13	Review of the issues and actions arising
Close of hearing	

Purpose of the issue specific hearing

The main purpose of ISH7 is to clarify and get views on matters relating to each of the control documents, management and mitigation plans set out in the agenda above. The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail to assist the parties to prepare for the hearing, although the agenda provided above is indicative and may be subject to change on the day.

Attendees

The ExA would find it helpful if the following parties could attend this hearing:

- Applicant
- Wiltshire Council
- Stop Lime Down
- Natural England
- The Environment Agency
- National Highways
- Any Statutory Party with consenting or consultation powers covered in the control documents, management and mitigation plans.

The above list is not a closed list and does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All interested parties are invited to attend and make oral representations on the matters set out in the agenda, subject to the ExA's ability to control the hearing.

Anyone wishing to attend the hearing in person, who has not already advised the case team of this, should do so as soon as possible.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project webpage](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the hearing date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the hearing can therefore view and listen to the hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

Registration process

Parties who have registered to speak (both in person and virtually) will receive a joining instruction email shortly before the hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. To enable the hearing to start on time at **9:30am** those attending virtually should join promptly at **9:00am** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the registration process in good time.

For those parties who simply wish to observe the hearing, they should log into the livestream link, which will be posted on the [project webpage](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

Procedure at the issue specific hearing

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at hearings. Questioning at the hearing will be led by the ExA. Cross questioning of a person giving evidence by another person will only be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure representations are adequately tested or that an IP has had a fair chance to put its case.

The agenda is for guidance only, although every effort will be made to ensure that the issues listed in the agenda will be discussed on the day.

Any questions about this hearing

Please contact the Case Team if you have any questions regarding the arrangements for the hearing or how to participate.

Email - limedown@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

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Post Hearing Submissions and Closing Statements

The ExA draws your attention to **deadline 7** in the examination timetable (**Friday 2 October 2026**) and requests that full summaries of all oral submissions given at the hearing by those who made them are submitted at that deadline. In addition, anyone who is unable to complete all of their oral submission during the hearing should follow it up in writing at that deadline.

Finally, **deadline 7** is also the time for any IP to submit a closing statement into the examination.