

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

Issue Specific Hearing 5 - LV, culture, water

Date: 15 September 2026

Venue: National Self Build & Renovation Centre, Great Western Way, Swindon SN5 8UB; and Microsoft Teams

Action points arising

No	Party	Action	Deadline
Landscape and Visual			
1	Wiltshire Council, Cotswolds National Landscape Board, Natural England	To provide comments on the Applicant's updated Tranquillity Assessment [REP5-099].	D7
2	Natural England	To provide comment on the implications of the modification of the EIA Agriculture Regulations 2006, under article 6(4) of the dDCO [REP6-005] with regards to the wildflower meadows at decommissioning.	D7
3	Wiltshire Council, Stop Lime Down	To provide specific details of where sensitivity and/ or magnitude of change has been downplayed in the sequential visual assessment and the implications that this would have on the conclusions on the assessment.	D7
4	Applicant	To respond to the detailed comments Ms Tinkler (SLD) made on the sequential visual assessment of the route named SLD Route 2 in the Additional Sequential Visual Assessments [REP6-062].	D7
5	Applicant	To update the text of the Additional Sequential Visual Assessment [REP6-062] to cross-reference viewpoint photography and additional photography in appendix 2 of the same document.	D7
Glint and Glare			
6	Applicant	Continue trying to engage with Badminton Airfield on potential glint and glare impacts on aviation and provide update to ExA.	D7

7	Applicant	To review possible alterations to the oCEMP to include additional measures for airfield operators to operationally accommodate the predicted glare effects and a requirement for consultation to take place with the Airfield Operator(s) as part of the approval process.	D7
8	SLD	To provide specific details of the road and rail receptors that SLD consider should be allocated a different sensitivity and whether this would result in a different effect to that determined by the applicant.	D7
9	Applicant	To provide a side-by-side comparison of the pager power and forge solar modelling results demonstrating that both models lead to similar results.	D7
Cultural Heritage			
10	Applicant, Wiltshire Council, Historic England	Parties to progress discussions on the outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (oAMS) and clarify: - The specific detail and measures that need to be included in the oAMS to address outstanding concerns. - Any proposed alterations to the wording of requirement 12.	D7
Water Environment and Flood Risk			
11	Applicant	To submit a rebuttal to SLD's D5 [REP5-130] report on surface water run-off from solar panels. The Applicant should include commentary on: - The percentage of vegetation cover required to successfully address surface water run-off including any potential 'gaps' in ground cover during the installation period to the full establishment of the grass sward - The timing for review of 80% take of grass sward and an explanation if this needs to be reviewed - The adaptive management details of the grass sward to take account of climate change - Any differences of run-off rates between the various soil types within Lime Down following the full establishment of the grass sward - The need for further SuDS and/ or temporary SuDS to address surface water run-off from the PV panels	D7

		and achieve the agreed run-off rates. If so, include an explanation of how this will be calculated and addressed in the outline Drainage Strategies - How all the relevant management plans will be updated including, but not limited to, oCEMP, oOEMP, oLEMP and outline Drainage Strategies - Include a comment on the robustness of the model used by SLD in their report - Any other matters within the report that the Applicant considers pertinent to respond to.	
12	Applicant	To respond to Mr Calderbank's D6 submission [REP6-083]	D7
13	Applicant and the EA	To update their SoCG: - To reflect the hearing discussion about the hydraulic modelling for the Gauze Brook - To reflect the conversation regarding the location of the substation in Lime Down C1 to ensure that they have a mechanism for the EA to be consulted at design stage - To show the progress regarding the thermal implications of cables on sensitive groundwater receptors (Water Framework Directive).	D7
14	Applicant and Wiltshire Council/ LLFA	To update their SoCG regarding: - Hydraulic modelling for the Gauze Brook - Reflect the hearing conversation regarding the functional floodplain - Reflect the conversation regarding the ordinary watercourse between fields D22 and D1 - To add an item in the SoCG on betterment rate understanding and agreement	D7
15	Applicant	As part of the hydraulic modelling for the Gauze Brook: a) To update Lime Down D Modelling Report [REP5-095], outline Drainage Strategy [REP5-055] and supporting ES figure [REP5-034] to	D7

		account for the hydraulic modelling for the Gauze Brook b) To consider the Rodbourne Gauge to account for low frequency high intensity events. To explore the sensitivity of water levels within scenarios rather than revisiting the hydrology.	
16	LLFA	To submit a review of the NPS EN-1 policy position, specifically paragraphs 5.8.12, 5.8.15(8) and 5.8.32 on the implementation of Natural Flood Management measures as part of the post hearing submission.	D7
17	Applicant	Review the Lime Down D - Natural Flood Management Viability Report [REP5-019] and: a) To present Figures 8 and 9 as water level difference maps, clearly identifying areas that are wet in the baseline but dry with the interventions in place, and vice versa (as raised by the EA in their submission [REP6-074]) b) To review the conclusion of the report that references the level change and reconsider this for smaller, more frequent events.	D7
18	Applicant	To update the Design Principles and Parameters to include a commitment to place the BESS and all substations outside the mapped Flood Zone 3b.	D7
19	Applicant	To confirm if consultation with the EA at design stage regarding the location of the substation in Lime Down C1 can be included in the control documents.	D7
20	Applicant	To add an item in the SoCG with Network Rail regarding drainage works and flood risk to Farleaze Farm.	D7
21	Applicant	To include a rebuttal to Professor Skeffington's comment about the potential impact of PV panel run-off contributing to the ponding around Farleaze Farm.	D7
22	Mr Seymour-Williams	To submit his representation following the hearing to both PINS and the Applicant no later than 24 September 2026.	No later than 24 September 2026
23	Applicant	To respond to Mr Seymour-Williams' submission.	D7
24	The EA	To provide their comments regarding Professor Skeffington's points on the	D7

		thermal implications of the cable route corridor in its hearing statement.	
25	Applicant	To update all outline Drainage Strategies to reflect discussion regarding rainwater harvesting both within the text and in Table 3: SuDS Options for Proposed Development.	D7
26	Applicant	To update all outline Drainage Strategies and surface water maps ensuring consistency across documents: - Show the indicative dimensions of the PV panels in the Fluvial and Surface Water Flood Risk Maps - Review the access tracks to the substations in the maps (specifically those for substation in parcel D18 as it appears to be outside the red line) - Review the way of showing wet ditches in the maps as they can be confused with contour lines - Review the conversion unit numbers in maps and strategies - Review the tables for the Conversion Unit/ 33kV Distribution Switch Room Everyday Rainfall and Attenuation Storage within the outline Drainage Strategies - Review references to the outline Drainage Sketch within the text to ensure that they are included in the strategies that have one - Ensure that the attenuation volumes are explained in volume metrics (m³) within the outline Drainage Sketches. - To include references to Natural Flood Management in all outline Drainage Strategies to reflect the hearing discussion and address NPS EN-1 paragraphs 5.8.12, 5.8.15(8) and 5.8.32	D7