

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

Issue Specific Hearing 7 – Management Plans

Date: 17 September 2026

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

Action points arising

No	Party	Action	Deadline
Design Principles and Parameters			
1	Applicant	To confirm to the ExA if other NSIP's have consulted on management plans with community liaison groups, including wording in the Development Consent Order (DCO) requiring this, prior to submission to the local authority.	D7
2	Applicant, Wiltshire Council (WC), Stop Lime Down (SLD)	To progress discussions regarding the heads of terms for the community liaison group (CLG) and confirm where there is agreement on the extent to which the CLG should be consulted on the content of management plans prior to discharge of requirements. Where agreement is not reached, each party is asked to provide its preferred wording for the heads of terms and requirement 4 of the draft DCO.	D7
Permitted Preliminary Works Environmental Management Plan			
3	Applicant	To update plan to include wording which limits use of artificial lighting outside of core working hours.	D7
4	Applicant	To update table 3-6 to bolster wording to minimise impact on the setting of heritage assets from storage of materials on site, or other works in proximity to or within the setting of heritage assets.	D7
5	Applicant	To provide additional wording in table 3-7 to be included, to make it clearer that the implementation of the measures listed not only apply when a vehicle track crosses a Public Right of Way (PRoW), but also when a vehicle track is shared with a PRoW	D7

6	Applicant	To provide further information on the existing access points that will be used for PPW works and confirmation that no highway improvement works are required to facilitate use of those accesses.	D7
7	Applicant	To provide numbers of HGVs anticipated during the PPW phase to WC and SLD.	D7
8	Applicant	To update the pre-condition survey methodology to the version as detailed in the latest oCTMP.	D7
9	Applicant	To update table 3-12, along with other references to dealing with complaints in various management plans, to include a procedure which requires evidence on how complaints will be logged, responded to and acted upon rather than just received.	D7
10	Applicant	To provide additional wording in table 3-3 to require submission of ecological survey results to WC and consideration of proposed mitigation to be agreed with WC prior to any potential tree removal or site clearance.	D7
11	Applicant	To amend the PPW environmental management plan, such that no reference is made to outline documents, and it remains as a stand-alone document.	D7
12	Applicant	To review and update as necessary the soil method statement to ensure it does not contain references to the outline management plans.	D7
13	Applicant	To update wording to confirm that a discovery and inspection strategy document will be produced and followed in the event unexpected contamination is encountered.	D7
14	Applicant	To update wording of table 3-5 to prevent storage of plant machinery and materials in Flood Zone 3b.	D7
15	Applicant	To update wording in paragraph 2.9.1 to clarify the surface material of the temporary compounds if aggregate is not being used and how the Applicant will prevent mud tracking onto the highway.	D7
16	Applicant	To update the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) between Applicant and WC to include any outstanding matters with regards to the PPW environmental management plan.	D7
Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan			
17	Applicant	To update the oCEMP to require the Applicant to notify and agree a mitigation procedure with the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), the Environment Agency (the EA) and other	D7

		relevant authorities in the event that impacts on a particular species is identified during Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) activities.	
18	Applicant	To review and update, as necessary, all management plan documents to ensure a consistent approach to HDD.	D7
19	Applicant	To provide an overview of the breakout contingency procedure/ technical note to be included in the oCEMP.	D7
20	Wiltshire Council	To provide an update on discussions with the Applicant, with regards to the procurement process and ensuring Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions are kept to a minimum throughout the life of the proposed development.	D7
21	Applicant	To provide additional wording to be included in the oCEMP, which explicitly confirms applicant's commitment to avoid use of SF ₆ .	D7
22	Applicant	To consider including a commitment where liaison between the Community Liaison Manager (CLM) and CLG occurs prior to final submission of the oCEMP. If not included, provide justification.	D7
Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan			
23	Applicant	The commitments contained within ES Chapter 14, in relation to noise levels being reduced to below the LOAEL through the detailed design process, for receptors R12, R22, R25, R31 and R34 to be transposed in to the oOEMP. Similarly the commitment to installing silencers to reduce daytime noise to receptors R24, R41, R42 and R43 to be transposed in to the oOEMP.	D7
24	Applicant	The sensitive lightning strategy, as detailed in the oOEMP, to be aligned with wording used in other sections and relevant management plans.	D7
25	Applicant	To include additional wording in the oOEMP to clarify the mitigation hierarchy for badgers, so leaving badger setts in their current location takes priority over other options with licensing being the last resort.	D7
26	Applicant	To update the oLEMP to specify that the detailed LEMP to contain further information on the suitable type and condition of skylark habitat, how this will be maintained and potential triggers at which point further steps for mitigation need to be taken to improve the uptake of habitat. The wording regarding the	D7

		monitoring of breeding pairs should be made clearer.	
27	Wiltshire Council	To provide comment on the Applicant's proposal to inform them of replacement activities equalling or exceeding 10% of any total components.	D7
Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan			
28	Applicant	Firstly, to update the oLEMP to include reference to rainwater harvesting and provide details of an estimate for water requirements in a worst-case scenario and possible source. This should then be included in the Water Resources Strategy. Secondly, to consider how the use of rainwater harvesting measures implemented as SUDS could be used to provide water to support planting establishment and maintenance and ensure that the outline Drainage Strategies are consistent with the outline Water Resources Strategy.	D7
29	Applicant	To inform Wessex Water of the worst-case scenario for water requirement (to include landscaping watering) and confirm agreement. Add consultation with relevant water board as part of the Water Resources Strategy.	D7
30	Applicant	To provide a commitment within the oLEMP so that the detailed LEMP contains details on what is considered failed or not established plant/ tree planting, not only in years 1-5, but also beyond this, in which case the Applicant would then need to re-visit mitigation strategy and see what other plant species can be tried instead.	D7
31	Applicant	To include in their speaker notes a signpost where in the oLEMP a distinction is made between the area under the solar PV panels and wild flower meadows with respect to management arrangements.	D7
32	Applicant	To address inconsistency in terms of hedgerow heights across the various management plans.	D7
33	Applicant	To provide details of a watering strategy for new planting considering climate resilience.	D7
Outline Soil Resource Management Plan			
34	Applicant	To consider inclusion of suggested wording by WC in the oSRMP or include alternative wording, which provide assurance that when determining soil stockpile locations, the following will be considered:	D7

		a. impact on the Cotswold National Landscape (CNL) setting; b. field areas that provide ecological mitigation areas for ground nesting birds; c. effects on hydrology.	
35	Wiltshire Council	To provide specific measures WC is seeking with regards to soil management on a strategic level.	D7
36	Wiltshire Council	To confirm if they are satisfied with the Applicant's response at deadline 6 (DCO2.1ak [REP6-060]), in which they state 'Guidelines for monitoring the soil resource during construction and operation will be included in the detailed SRMP' or would WC prefer to have this information available now, as part of the examination process. If the latter, please provide justification for this request.	D7
Outline Battery Safety Management Plan			
37	Applicant	To verify and confirm that the management of firewater isolation systems is included in other drainage and relevant management plans.	D7
38	Applicant	To include a commitment in the outline Drainage Strategy and outline Battery Safety Management Plan to ensure that the isolation area is cleaned after a fire to ensure that surface water is not contaminated.	D7
Mitigation Route Map			
39	Applicant	To update the Mitigation Route Map so it includes references to the relevant paragraph numbers within the various management plans that refer to managing hydrology. To ensure the Applicant addresses the LLFA points regarding the scope of the Hydrological Verification Framework.	D7