

Grittleton Parish Council

Grittleton Parish Council (Ref: [REDACTED]) Response to The Examining Authority's Deadline 8

The Parish Council are concerned that there are still significant outstanding issues at this late stage of the Examination process regarding site selection and transport plans.

Site Selection

The Parish Council share the concerns raised by Stop Lime Down in their 6th October submission. The Applicant has chosen not to assess all sites in a consistent manner, shown by the considerable shortcomings in the process highlighted by the detailed analysis in the Marrons report.

Examples include:

- Landscape and Visual. To site such a large project so close to a protected National Landscape should demand a higher level of assessment than has been undertaken by the Applicants. Loss of views, non-visual effects such as noise and loss of tranquillity will all have a profound effect on the parish, its residents, businesses and visitors to the area
- Access to Construction Traffic. The use of narrow B and C roads throughout the parish that are totally unsuitable for large numbers of HGV movements
- Grid Connection. The site selected by the Applicant is the one with the longest route to connect to the grid and is the most challenging of all the sites assessed.

Whilst the sites selected for the solar arrays lie outside the parish, it is directly impacted by the proposed transport routes to sites A-C, the cable route which traverses the parish and the Applicants desire to site a construction pound on the edge of the village to which the only access is via The Street which is within the Grittleton Conservation Area and Cotswold National Landscape (CNL).

Transport Routes

As noted above, shortcomings in the site selection process have led to sites being chosen which are reliant on the use of unsuitable B & C roads. The Parish Council therefore supports the concerns raised by Wiltshire Council, Natural England and CNL regarding the tranquillity assessment referred to in their 6th October submissions.

Vehicle movements

The Parish Council are extremely concerned that, at this late stage of the examination process, the number of construction vehicle movements is still subject to debate. The Parish Council note the Stop Lime Down - Deadline 7 Additional Transport Submission, published 13th October 2026 and the large disparity in the calculated number of vehicle movements which clearly needs to be examined before a tranquillity assessment can be finalised.