

Lime Down Solar Park Final Statement

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Following the CAH2 on 23/09/2026 I had a phone conversation with the Lime Down Solar Park project manager on 25/09/2026 and attended a virtual meeting on 15/10/2026 with our agent, representatives from Island Green Power, [REDACTED] and the Corsham Estate. The large area included in the DCO for the cable route around Easton, Westrop and Thingley was discussed and the inability to narrow the area down to a specific route was stated to be due to the lack of a definitive crossing point of the GWR London to Bristol railway line. As I understand it negotiations with Network Rail are ongoing.

The implications of this uncertainty and the potential for the cable to be routed under our proposed slurry lagoon and or pipe were discussed. As stated in previous submissions the slurry lagoon has had full planning permission since May 2025 and is integral to our continued operation as a dairy farm, by enabling us to fulfil our statutory obligations under the Farming Rules for Water. [REDACTED] has provided general assurances that the construction and operation of our slurry lagoon would not be adversely affected by the cable construction and presence thereafter. Although some suggestions have been put forward the details of how this would be achieved are yet to be determined. The equipment and work required for any tunnelling would be considerable and very close to the farm buildings and livestock accommodation. Tunnelling under the lagoon would need to be deep to avoid disruption of the lagoon linings which could lead to an expensive pollution incident. If the cable were to only cross the feeder pipe the civil engineering requirements would be considerably more contained; we await a definitive route.

It is only since July 2026, after enquiries from our agent, that there has been any communication from [REDACTED] regarding my family's concerns, first raised in interested party surveys in January 2025, regarding the proposed cable route, its proximity to our farmstead and lagoon, and potential for disruption for our day-to-day business. As a result, the discussions have been somewhat last minute, and our issues are largely unresolved.

