

Lime Down Solar Park

Consultation feedback form

14 March – 26 April 2024

Island Green Power (IGP) is bringing forward proposals to build a new solar park and battery energy storage project on land in North Wiltshire.

Lime Down Solar Park has the potential to generate around 500 megawatts (MW) of electricity. This is equivalent to providing enough clean energy to power around 115,000 homes.

Have your say

You are invited to take part in this initial stage of community consultation and comment on our emerging proposals for Lime Down Solar Park and its connection into existing electricity transmission system at the National Grid's Melksham substation.

We will review all the feedback submitted to this consultation, together with the findings from our ongoing environmental and technical studies, to inform and shape detailed proposals for the project.

Providing your feedback

Please complete as many sections of this feedback form as you would like and send it back to us at:
FREEPOST Lime Down Solar. You do not need a stamp.

If you need more space to answer any of the questions please continue on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Please ensure you return the whole form even if you do not answer all the questions. Alternatively, you can submit feedback using any of the methods listed below:

- **Online:** complete the online version of this form on our project website www.limedownsolar.co.uk
- **In-person:** hand it to a member of the project team at an in-person information event
- **Email:** scan a copy of your completed form and email it to us at info@limedownsolar.co.uk

Any written letters or emails sent to us using the project freepost and email address during the consultation period will also be considered as feedback.

The deadline for submitting your feedback for this consultation is Friday 26 April 2024.

If you would like any help responding to this consultation you can contact us by email at info@limedownsolar.co.uk or by calling the community relations team on **0808 175 6656**.

Section 1: About you

Title: Name:

Address:

Postcode: Telephone:

E-mail address:

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation? (If 'yes' please tick box): Name of organisation (if applicable):

What is your age?

- Under 18 18-34 35-54 55-74
- 75 and over Prefer not to say

How would you describe your interest in Lime Down Solar Park?

- Local resident Local representative Landowner Local business owner
- Regular visitor Local interest group member (if so, please name):
- Statutory organisation (if so, please name):
- Other (please specify):

Project updates

If you would like to receive updates about the project and future consultation opportunities, please tick one of the following boxes to indicate how you would like to be contacted, ensuring you have provided the relevant details in the 'About you' section above.

- Email Post

You do not have to supply personal details; however, it will help us work together towards meeting the needs of the public during the consultation period and enable us to contact you regarding Lime Down Solar Park.

Your personal details will be stored in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) by Counter Context, acting on behalf of the Lime Down Solar Park project team, and will not be shared with any third parties. More information on privacy and GDPR is available on the project website.

Section 2: General

Q1: As a principle do you agree there is a need to install ground-mounted solar infrastructure in the UK?

- I agree there is a need to install ground-mounted solar infrastructure
- I do not know enough about the need to install ground-mounted solar infrastructure to have an opinion
- I do not agree with the need to install ground-mounted solar infrastructure

Q2: What is your view of our proposals for Lime Down Solar Park at this early stage in the development process?

- Supportive Do not support Neutral Need further information to form an opinion

Please provide any additional comments you have to explain your view.

Section 3: Lime Down Solar Park

Q3: Which aspects of the proposed project are most important to you?

We will develop our proposals for Lime Down Solar Park by considering a range of different topic areas. This will involve carrying out a thorough environmental assessment and exploring different measures that could be put in place to reduce or avoid any effect the project could have on those aspects.

In the table below please tick those topic areas you consider important and would like us to consider as we continue to develop our proposals. Please provide any additional comments in the text boxes provided.

Tick box	Topic area	Further comments (please provide specific examples where possible)
	Ecology and biodiversity For example, please suggest opportunities to improve ecology and biodiversity across the site and / or indicate any plant or animal species you would like us to consider.	
	Landscape and visual For example, please indicate any local viewpoints particularly important to you that you would like us to consider.	
	Cultural heritage For example, please indicate any important heritage and archaeology sites in the area.	
	Transport and access For example, please indicate local routes or areas you think we need to consider when planning our construction works.	
	Soils and agriculture For example, please provide any suggestions for how you think we should use and manage the land during the operation of the solar park.	
	Hydrology, flood risk and drainage For example, please let us know of any specific flood issues to consider in the area.	
	Socioeconomics, tourism and recreation For example, please let us know about any areas of the site currently used for recreation and public amenity, and / or any further opportunities to improve public access across the site area. This could include new footpaths or cycle routes.	
	Noise and vibration For example, please let us know of any areas you think may need additional mitigation and screening.	
	Other (please detail) Please provide details of any other aspects that are important to you or your community.	

Q4: Please provide any comments you have on the sites we are considering for the location of the Battery Energy Storage System which would be incorporated in the scheme.

Q5: Please provide details of any additional issues you would like us to consider as we continue to develop our proposals for Lime Down Solar Park.

If the issues you would like us to consider are location specific please try to include specific geographic locations such as place or road names, or other relevant details.

Section 4: Grid connection

The electricity generated by Lime Down Solar Park is expected to be exported into the existing national electricity transmission system at National Grid's Melksham substation via an underground cable. We have identified a number of broad route corridors within a defined search area where a cable could be routed.

Q6: Please provide any overall comments you have on the broad route corridors in which an underground cable could be routed to connect the project to Melksham substation.

Section 5: Community benefits

We are committed to working with local communities to identify and define community benefits. We want to hear your suggestions on local schemes and projects we could support or deliver to benefit those communities closest to the project. These could include suggestions for public amenity and recreational improvements in and around the site.

Q7: Please provide any suggestions or initiatives you would like us to explore to help facilitate or directly deliver wider benefits to the community and / or meet local needs.

Section 6: Our consultation process

Q8: Please provide any comments you have on this consultation and any suggestions you would like us to consider for future stages of consultation.

Q9: How did you find out about this consultation?

- Receipt of a project postcard Media (newspaper, radio, TV) Via a local community group Social media
- Word of mouth Other (please specify):

Q10: Have you attended a project information event (in-person / online) and / or visited our website to view information about Lime Down Solar Park?

- Yes No

Q11: How informative did you find the information events we held (in-person / online) and / or our consultation materials we produced (print / digital)?

- Very informative Quite informative Not informative No opinion

What happens next?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form and provide us with your feedback. Your views are important to us.

When this initial stage of consultation closes on 26 April 2024 we will review all the comments we receive, together with the findings from our ongoing environmental and technical studies, to help us refine our proposals for Lime Down Solar Park.

We will then carry out a further stage of consultation to ask for your views on our more detailed plans for the project. We anticipate this second consultation will take place later this year.

After this second stage of consultation has closed, we will review our proposals in light of all the feedback submitted, alongside the findings from our ongoing assessments, so we can finalise and submit an application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate.

As the developer, we have a duty to demonstrate how we have taken your views into account in developing our final proposals.

Get in touch

You can contact our team by:



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Freephone line: 0808 175 6656
(open 09.00-17.00 Monday to Friday excluding bank holidays)



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