

Dear Supporters

I hope that you are well.

As you know IGP has now held their Statutory Community events and Stop Lime Down has held 5 talks in different villages to explain the proposals. A recording of our talk can be found on our website: <https://stoplimedown.com/campaign-meetings>

We have until 19 March, to give our feedback to Island Green Power and we would like you to ask everyone - children, neighbours, colleagues, friends and family - to respond.

The form is quite complex and lengthy. It can be completed in hard copy (we have extras available if needed), through their online feedback form, or by sending a straightforward email or letter. Many have requested a template to use. However, we regret that we cannot provide this, as it is crucial that the submission is in your own words to ensure it is taken more seriously than a copied and pasted response. That said, on our website, we have provided guidance on what we believe are some of the key points that could be included when objecting. If it's of any help, we could do a letter writing session together on Wednesday evening - let me know if this would be helpful.

Keep a copy of your feedback. If you've completed their online form, you can request a copy for your records. When it's time to respond to the Planning Inspectorate, having your original feedback on hand will save you the effort of rewriting it all.

For Reasons to Object - please go to: <https://stoplimedown.com/reasons-to-object>

For the online Feedback form - please go to <https://operations641637.typeform.com/to/PXFbkyGd>

To email your feedback, please email to info@limedownsolar.co.uk

To post your feedback, please post to **Freepost Lime Down Solar** (this is the full postal address)

In other news:

* We are delighted that Wiltshire Council have unanimously agreed to object to Lime Down Solar. Cllr Nick Botterill wrote - "after considering its response to Island Green Power's Lime Down Solar Farm proposal, the Wiltshire Council cabinet determined there were fundamental planning issues with demonstrable harms which cannot satisfactorily be resolved. Lime Down Solar Farm is contrary to the interests of residents and should be refused permission.

The cabinet vote was unanimous and the councillors present, representing the Opposition, also expressed support for the cabinet's decision"

* MP Roz Savage hosted a roundtable on large-scale solar farms, addressing land use, food security, and biodiversity concerns. Speakers David Rogers (Solar Q) and Catherine Judkins (UK Solar Alliance) highlighted solar's low efficiency, high carbon footprint, battery storage risks, and lack of community benefits. The meeting called for better planning, regulation, and ethical practices, advocating for a moratorium on large solar farms on arable land, mandatory community benefit schemes, and rooftop solar prioritization. Notably, no Labour MPs attended, which highlights their reluctance to engage.

Help needed:

* We are looking for someone to assist us with the workstream on Tourism and how the proposals will affect socio economics. This is the chapter in the [PEIR report](#). Please let me know if you could help.

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If you have a visible spot along the road to put up a placard, we'd love your help in raising awareness about the potential traffic disruptions caused by the construction phase. We are especially looking for places in Corston, Rodbourne, Seagry, Grittleton, Acton Turville, Littleton Drew, Stanton St Quintin, Hullavington, Castle Combe, Yatton Keynell. It will be chaotic for anyone using these roads or trying to get on and off M4 Junction 17 and 18.

* Thank you to everyone who has generously donated or set up standing orders as part of the 1000 club. We are hugely grateful. In order to fund all the experts that we have identified as necessary we need to quadruple donations to date - please do continue to spread the word. Details can be found here <https://stoplimedown.com/donate>

* If you are on facebook or instagram, please like, share, comment on our posts and also keep an eye out on the local pages especially where you see there's comments in favour of LDS. Some posts get a fair few comments but it would be great to get more SLD people commenting so that the strength of feeling comes heartily across.

Please, if you haven't already, send in your feedback to IGP by the deadline of 11.59pm on Wednesday 19th March.

Thank you all for your support. We appreciate it enormously.

SLD Steering Committee