

# Comments for Planning Application 22/501335/FULL

## Application Summary

Application Number: 22/501335/FULL

Address: Land North Of Little Cheveney Farm Sheephurst Lane Marden Kent

Proposal: Installation of a renewable energy led generating station comprising of ground-mounted solar arrays, associated electricity generation infrastructure and other ancillary equipment comprising of storage containers, access tracks, fencing, gates and CCTV together with the creation of woodland and biodiversity enhancements.

Case Officer: Marion Geary

## Customer Details

Name: Ms Rachel Chacon

Address: 1 Cedar Cottages, Sheephurst Lane, Marden Tonbridge, Kent TN12 9NU

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:

I have only just heard about this application and wish to comment.

Agricultural land is agricultural land and you cannot build on it. This should not be allowed to happen simply because the regulations have not yet been put in place to make the consultation process fair and honest and above board.

The Statkraft feedback document is woefully inadequate, you have clearly not succeeded in consulting the community - made obvious by the number of replies you have received. What's more, this was done through covid when people were very seriously preoccupied and unable to meet to discuss anything with anyone. There are still many people who do not rely on digital communication to know what is going on in their community. A development like this, almost the size of Marden itself, needs serious and determined consultation with the community.

Yes to Solar Energy, NO to slipping it under the community radar and sidestepping inadequate planning regulations. Building is building and in 37 years when this 'farm' reaches the end of it's life and you realise this has been a mistake, you state that it 'can be' returned to agricultural land. But as we all know, it will then be open to more building.

We need solar energy, but please do not allow greedy people to benefit from the cheapest available option just because our government has failed to address this in a more sustainable and environmentally friendly way.

