

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: Mrs Heidi Scott

Address: Bridgeland House, High Street, Marden Tonbridge, Kent TN12 9DS

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to this application on several grounds. Firstly, the size of this proposal is vast and out of all proportion to the surrounding area. The development is on an industrial scale and would be unsightly in the countryside of the Low Weald and on the edge of the High Weald AONB. Secondly, at a time when food insecurity is probably at its height since the second World War, we should be preserving high-quality agricultural land such as this. Then there is the adverse effect on wildlife and biodiversity, already negatively affected by considerable development in the Marden area over the past 6-7 years, with an additional 600 homes having been built in Marden village and more schemes currently being brought forward for planning approval. Another factor is the negative impact on the setting of listed buildings in the vicinity, which should be protected as part of our cherished Low Weald landscape and heritage. It is hard to believe that there are not more appropriate sites (brownfield or lower-quality land) for solar power generation in Kent.