

Date: 27 September 2022

Application Summary:

Planning Application Ref: 22/501335/FULL

Proposal: Installation of renewable energy led generating station on land north of Sheephurst Lane

Case Officer: Marion Geary

Customer Details:

Mrs Sarah Springhall, Little Cheveney Farmhouse, Sheephurst Lane, TN12 9NX

Comment Details:

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer OBJECTS to the Planning Application

NPPF Para 189. Heritage assets range from sites and buildings of local historic value to those of the highest significance. These assets are an irreplaceable resource, and should be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance, so that they can be enjoyed for their contribution to the quality of life of existing and future generations.

In addition to my previous objections, and to back up my objection on the grounds of this development causing harm to a heritage asset of the Borough, I thought I should share photographs of some of the historical deeds, indentures of release and settlement, leases and receipts pertaining to the land and buildings at Little Cheveney Farm and also to those that lived here and farmed this land. Documents date back to 1613, probably earlier. (Please note I have not untied and opened up all documents in order to protect them, and have kept the most delicate sealed, but the below photos should hopefully give a good idea of the style and type of document I refer to).

We believe that to have such a large collection of historical documents relating to one farm and being in such good condition is rare. This rarity gives Little Cheveney and its associated farm buildings a unique social and agricultural historical interest and relevance.

The map dated 1855 clearly shows the Manor (Little Cheveney Farmhouse) and its farm buildings, Little Cheveney Wood (now known as the Parkland), the Ash Plantation (the ancient woodland) as well as the productive farmland that surrounds the site. Under the current proposal, Little Cheveney Wood would be enclosed on three sides by the development with open rural views both towards and from the listed farmhouse and other listed buildings on the site being severely harmed.

Whilst appreciate that we have to progress and move forwards with green energy solutions. But to cover and surround this site with an huge industrial energy plant of solar panels, HV compound and associated infrastructure would cause unjustifiable harm to this heritage asset of the Borough and should therefore be protected for future generations and remain as productive arable land. Simply put - this is the wrong development in the wrong location.



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