

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 watts pam

Address: Brook Farm, Green Lane, Marden Tonbridge, Kent TN12 9RA

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:I object to this proposal for the following reasons

Under the Government's Solar PV Strategy, it states that "issues such as visual amenity, land use and other environmental factors are important considerations" when planning solar arrays. This proposal rides roughshod over these considerations

This land is Grade 2,3 and 3a and therefore good quality agricultural land which should continue to be used for food production at a time when food security is vulnerable Meanwhile, there is a large area of industrial warehousing in Marden with very little evidence of solar panels being installed on roofs. MBC should concentrate on promoting installation of solar arrays on roofs and brown field sites, rather than yielding to the greed of developers keen to take the cheapest option to optimise on profit and dividends.

There will also be a considerable visual impact on the local area. At a time when this borough, and in particular our village, has been put under immense strain from recent overdevelopment this is yet another degrading of our local countryside, which is so important for the health and enjoyment of those who live here

This point is further distressed by the proposal to reroute the public path which will then be fenced in with security fencing again destroying the visual impact on the area

Whilst the effect of solar panels on flooding may not be critical I have read the Flood Risk Assessment for this development and whatever gooblegook the data produces with its 1/20, 1/100, 1/+100 flood risk projections it has a major problem; being the hard photographic evidence that most local residents have of frequent flooding over the past 20 years of the Lesser Teise which runs along the eastern boundary of this proposal. Many houses have repeatedly been flooded with Sheephurst Lane, Green Lane and Longend Lane all frequently closed due to flooding. This isn't a 1/100 year event, it is happening to us almost every year now. Therefore, I would say the application is flawed with incorrect information and it may be that the mitigation solutions are not adequate