

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: Mr William Brandreth

Address: Owl Oast, Little Cheveney, Sheephurst Lane Marden, Kent TN12 9NX

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:1) I'd like to draw attention to the updated Proposed Solar Farm Site Layout. When looking at the boundary between the solar park and residential area for Willow Cottage and Willow Barn the placement of the solar panels has been moved, however there is no reference or marking on the Site Layout for boundary plantings. Significant buffer planting would be essential here due to proximity to residential housing.

2) The developers responses to comments on food production and food security are largely irrelevant. How much land the farmer manages or stats on UK grain production ignore that grains are global commodities. If we reduce production in the UK and that shortfall will be made up by agricultural expansion abroad and further incentivise deforestation. The more productive the land we take out of food production the greater the indirect land use change globally we can expect. It is important to have a considered approach to the net impacts on agricultural production, carbon stocks, emissions, and land use.

3) Finally, I'd like to draw attention to concerns over traffic on Sheephurst Lane. Sheephurst Lane is a constricted, with a narrow river crossing and tight bends. It is already essential to drive slowly for safety. With heavy transport vehicles there will be significant safety concerns and likely damage to hard and green infrastructure along the lane.