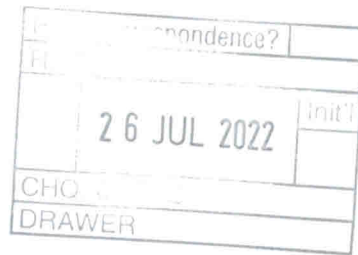


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Dear Sirs,

As regular visitors to Kent for many years; my husband and I enjoy walking the footpaths and visiting the many historic and beautiful areas of our childhoods.

This past week, we again visited one of our favorite walks (footpath KM318) around the Staplehurst area once home to Hop Gardens.

As the years have passed, we have watched this area gradually lose its character and history as the Hop Gardens have been removed. Now we hear that there is a proposal to demolish the remaining Tar Pit Chimneys along this footpath in order to construct a Solar Farm?

These Tar Pits are an important part of our culture and history; and very few of these Tar Pits remain intact in Kent.

We feel that the destruction of yet another important historic site should be stopped, and a Building Preservation Notice should be placed upon this structure immediately.

Thank you for your attention,

Yours,



Su and Ed Davey

GPS Coordinates  
51.138733 0.526714



SEE DOCUMENT A-0132 0001

- Solar Farm Boundary
- Hop Pole Tar Fireplace
- Public Footpath KM318



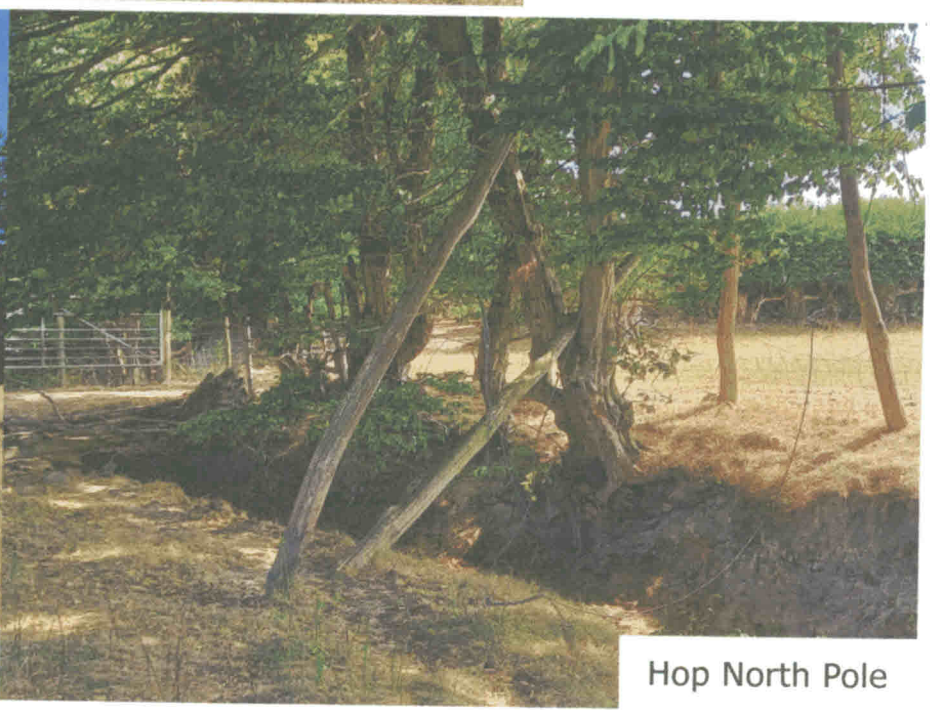




Hop Pole Tar Fireplace



Hop Poles



Hop North Pole