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From: Sue Eltringham [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 July 2022 15:44
To: Planning Comments
Subject: RE: Planning Application Comment - 501335

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Sue Eltringham

From: [Planning Comments](#)
Sent: 06 July 2022 09:30
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Subject: RE: Planning Application Comment - 501335

Thank-you for your correspondence regarding the above.

Can you please provide your address so we can formally log your comment and gain a fuller understanding of the relationship of your property (and all other respondents') to the application site.

Please note your comment will not be recorded without this information.

Many thanks

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Access planning services online at: www.maidstone.gov.uk; www.swale.gov.uk; or submit an application via www.planningportal.gov.uk

We have been working very hard to adapt to the changes that we have all been faced with following the Coronavirus outbreak. Mid Kent Planning Support is currently seeking to find solutions to issues that we are all currently facing whilst working to the Government's requirements, this also means we are continuing to work from home and not travelling to the office. These changes may result in slower response times to requests, although we are working tirelessly to minimise this, and information may not be accessible to us at this time.

During these difficult times we ask you all to consider sending information to us via other means; however if your only option is to submit information to us via the post this will be picked up, but may take slightly longer than normal.

Other options you may consider could be:

Any further information you may need to return to us to validate your application submission could be sent via email, if this is the case please send this to :
PSValidation@midkent.gov.uk
Contact your local Councillor to email us on your behalf
Contact your local Parish office to ask if they are able to email us on your behalf
Ask a family member or friend
Please do not send cheques if this is possible –please use our online payment options on the Council's Website.

Please also be advised that we are unable to accept samples of materials to accompany discharge of conditions submission. Please provide photos at this time as well as details of samples.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these unprecedented times.

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From: Sue Eltringham [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 June 2022 12:39
To: Planning Comments <PlanningComments@MidKent.gov.uk>
Subject: Planning Application Comment - 501335

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I am writing to object to the land on this site being used for a large scale solar farm.

I see from the map that the size of the farm is not much smaller than the footprint of the whole village. I do not oppose the idea of solar farms in principle and am very keen they are expanded.

There is a large 'brownfield' site very close to Yalding railway station, that I understand can not be used for housing due to previous contamination of land, but could this be used as an alternative, or similar land.

My main objection is why would you construct a solar farm on land that is good enough to grow crops on (Grade 2, 3a & 3b)? I understand that as a country we need to be more self sufficient in food production, so it does not make any logical sense to be building a solar farm on land that can be used for food production. Especially with the conflict in Ukraine & the disruption to grain exports, the planning seems very short sighted.

I too am a local walker and am concerned that the solar farm would be running across a public footpath, that are there for the people to enjoy walking in the countryside. We need to be encouraging the local population to be taking physical activity and not to be making it harder, but removing public rights of way. The country is in the grips of an obesity epidemic, and any public footpaths are there for walkers to use and enjoy, we should be promoting walking locally and this site would impact on local people being able to enjoy local countryside having a detrimental effect on their well being.

I would strongly back a solar farm if it can be constructed on a brownfield site, but not in the location as per this application.

Thank you

Sue Eltringham