

# 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 Harry Marshall

Address: Roughlands Farm, Goudhurst Road, Marden Tonbridge, Kent TN12 9NH

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: The amendment to the application has not altered the fact that the risk of flooding will be increased by the proposal. The Lesser Teise is a small and fast flowing river. At times of flooding any blockage/obstruction which slows the flow has an adverse impact and as a result the flood water proceeds to spread across the plain, particularly towards Marden. This in turn stops the numerous drainage ditches from fulfilling their role.

If approval, in principle, is given for this scheme more consideration must be given to ensure that fencing and other ancillary obstructions do not impede the flow of the flood water. This should include an annual programme of inspections both by the Environment Agency and Upper Medway Drainage to ensure that the risk of flooding is being managed.

In respect of those concerns raised about the management of the building project, if it proceeds, these must also be addressed. Sheephurst Lane is a well used road. Part of this road, particularly the Goudhurst Road end include at least one blind bend as well as a single file bridge. There are already restrictions in place on the weight of vehicles that can use the road, albeit this is often ignored. I would anticipate that if continuous heavy traffic is allowed to use the road the bridge will experience structural damage. Any approval must include very clear instructions to ensure that the lives of residents, particularly those that live in Sheephurst Lane, are not blighted during the period of this work.

Finally it goes without saying that the unique rural feel of the rural environment of Marden parish will be permanently diminished if this scheme is approved