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**Application No:** 22/501335/FULL

Location: 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.

Thank you for your consultation on the above referenced planning application.

Kent County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority have reviewed the additional information provided regarding the removal of the energy storage facility from the proposal and it is not clear from the information how this will impact the surface water drainage proposed and if there are subsequent changes to this.

The LLFA will require an updated Surface Water Drainage Strategy to be provided to reflect these changes and ensure that a suitable strategy can be delivered that does not increase flood risk.

We would therefore recommend a holding objection for this application until the above is clarified and any additional information provided.

This response has been provided using the best knowledge and information submitted as part of the planning application at the time of responding and is reliant on the accuracy of that information.

Yours faithfully,

## **Emily Neale**

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