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: . Marden Parish Council Address: Memorial Hall, Goudhurst Road, Marden Tonbridge, Kent TN12 9JX

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Parish Stance: Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application Comment Reasons: Comment:Cllrs raised no objection to this application.

Cllrs welcomed the use of farmland for low zero carbon energy generation; the extensive landscape and management plan; and the introduction of two new permissive footpaths.

However, Cllrs wished to make comments relating specifically to traffic routing at Section 4 of the Construction Traffic Management Plan.

The proposed route takes the vehicles through the built-up centre of Marden and along narrow country lanes with single track in places and where there are very limited passing places.

Both Plain Road and Sheephurst Lane have single track bridges, and both are on the bus route.

Cllrs proposed that an alternative route is adopted which is half a mile shorter in length, has less bends, is double carriageway for its entire length and passes far fewer properties.

The suggested route proposed would from the A229 at Stilebridge onto the B2079, onto Underlyn Lane, Hunton Road, left at Green Lane, B2162 and into Sheephurst Lane at Claygate.

Hunton Road, Green Lane, B2162 and Sheephurst Lane are all within the 7.5 tonne weight limit but as the vehicles will be delivering in this zone it would be permissible to use this route.

If MBC are minded to approve, Cllrs wished to seek a condition that directional signage is secured for the permissive footpaths prior to implementation.