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## Notes re proposed Solar Farm - Marley Lane Hoath

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### Comments relating to the proposed a 250 Acre Solar Farm – Hoath, Canterbury, Kent.

Firstly, I find the use of the word Farm in the title of this proposed operation ironic – The proposed site for Marley Lane Solar Farm in Hoath has grade 1 farm land as well as grade 2, 3 and 4 as shown on Natural England Regional Land Classification Maps – This would be totally destroyed. We should be preserving this valuable Arable Farm Land as it has long term value to the UK – Not just giving an energy company and a landowner an opportunity for 40 years to make money at the expense of others. What happens after the 40 years? In an ever-changing world of scientific development what guarantees are there that this land could be returned to the state that it was in prior to this experiment?

There is no underground cable from the current proposed site to the Canterbury substation – how will this be achieved?

A development such as this would be a visual blot on a currently unspoiled landscape – at some points a 2km wide site – What guarantees are there of safety of the large batteries not leaking into the water table? The noise of this solar operation would have a negative effect of the mental health of local people. It really is too close to dwellings.

The fact that an EIA has been rejected is appalling – given the “green values” we are being led to believe around this solar industrial operation – I am shocked! The area is close to SSIs which will be negatively affected – Kent and Medway Biological Records Centre has listings of many protected species that use this area - <https://www.kmbrc.org.uk/>

The roads that surround Hoath Village are in a terrible state of repair given the recent operations using tankers to facilitate a digestate pit in Marley Lane – Setting up this solar farm would further damage these. Who will pay for repairing these? Who would regulate operations of this industrial solar operation? The owner of the land has been flouting the regulations that Canterbury City Council have set him for operations at his digestate pit in Marley Lane, so I have very little faith that any regulations will be adhered to.

There has been no consideration of the local Community and their total objection to this industrial solar operation in our rural setting which is in a Conservation Area – There must be a more appropriate site for this.

Yours faithfully,

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