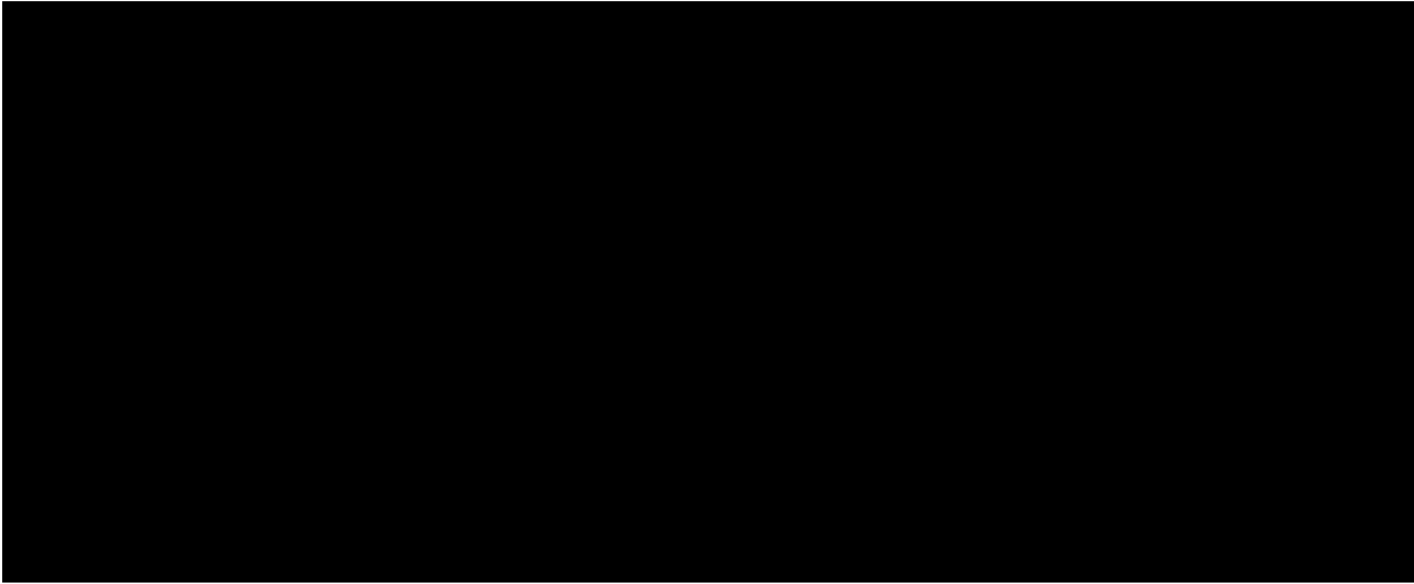




Sent: 01 September 2015 09:55
To: Planning
Subject: attention Richard Temple

Re: Solar Power Proposal at Barnham Court Farm Planning Application BN/29/15/PL

We are residents of Church Lane, Barnham and are writing to you regarding the above planning application. Although we do not object to solar power projects as such, we strongly object to this particular proposal. There appears to be absolutely no benefit to the community and the only incentive appears to be that grants for such projects end in April 2016.

However it is feature number 4 of your TMP that we would like to point to. A "shuttle system from the lay-by" near the Old Vicarage (provided to make a staging point for people using the footpath network that crosses the road at that location) will simply cause that part of the road to be blocked each time it is used. And for how long will this be each time? The lay-by is 10 metres in length and 2.2 metres wide at an otherwise very narrow part of Church Lane. Lifting vehicles and other shuttle vehicles would have to stand in the road - blocking it on a presumably regular basis throughout the construction period. What if there were a medical emergency or a fire on the Lane - how would emergency vehicles get through?

Church Court Farm already has commercial units operating there - have they the necessary planning permission for these? These units already generate heavy traffic by very large vehicles and smaller vans every day up and down Church Lane whose drivers appear ignorant of the speed limits and safety issues of such a small narrow roadway. Also this stretch of Church Lane is designated a Conservation Area. Surely this should protect the area from becoming a construction sub-site? It will also block access to the cycle path and for walkers and residents of Church Lane.

There is already a much larger solar energy project that was completed last year about 800 metres from the one proposed at Barnham Court Farm. Are there really any reasonable grounds for this new development?

We hope our views are taken into account when this planning application is considered.

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