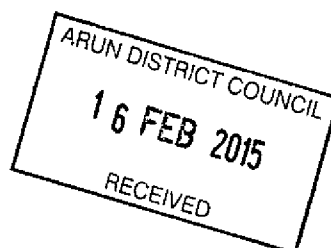


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Dear Mr Baeza

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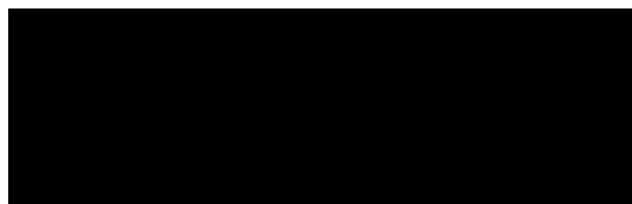
Construction of a Solar Energy Plant - Land at Brookbarn Farm, Courtwick Lane, Littlehampton

I am writing to express my deep concern at the proposed construction of a solar energy plant on land at Brookbarn Farm, Courtwick Lane. I believe that this proposal will seriously affect the character and appearance of the area. The proposed site is on agricultural land in the "local gap" and would erode the rural nature of this part of Littlehampton. I was given to understand on one of my previous visits to the Planning Office that there would need to be compelling circumstances for development to be permitted within the gap and I do not think that any such circumstances apply in this case.

The planning application shows that access will be from Old Mead Road. This road is in a very poor state of repair and even a temporary increase in what I understand will be large and heavy vehicles along this road during construction work will cause further serious damage to the road surface. Although there is a partial footway along the south side of the road, this does not extend for the full length of Old Mead Road and is overgrown in many places. As a result, most pedestrians walk in the road itself and the potential for accidents will be greatly increased with the increase of traffic along the road.

The visibility for drivers wishing to enter the Lyminster Road from Old Mead Road is restricted and vehicles turning out of Old Mead road do not always get sufficient warning of traffic coming from Littlehampton. Buses stopping at the bus stop on the Lyminster Road just to the north of Old Mead Road also create periods of limited visibility of traffic coming from Arundel. Lorries turning out of the road would not always get the safe and adequate access to the main road network that they would need as they take longer to turn out than smaller vehicles. Again, the potential for accidents would be greatly increased.

For the above reasons I wish to object to the proposal. Please inform me of the outcome of this application.



Mrs J Morris