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Your Ref: OWPC1571
Our Ref: Y/87/13/ 25-10-2013
Please ask for:
Mr C Cronin

6th December 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 (as amended)

Installation of solar farm comprising erection of solar arrays, inverters, transformers, equipment housing, security fencing, internal tracks & ancillary equipment. Departure from the Development Plan.

Land Southwest of Drove Lane Farm Yapton

Thank you for your internet representation made on 5th December 2013 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

I wish to express my concern at some of the aspects of the proposed development. There is currently an area of rough grassland running alongside the Ryebank rifle side of the site. During the winter this is used by Barn and Short-eared Owls to hunt. I know there is a buffer proposed for the site boundaries, but this will obviously result in a loss of habitat. Stonechat and Reed bunting also use this habitat along with migrating birds such as Wheatear and Whinchat. This summer I saw Grey Partridge with young on the site. If a deer fence is built, will this affect their ability to use the site? Water Voles are in the rifles bordering the site, so they and their habitat should be protected.

Your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

Please be aware that if the application is to be determined by the Council's Development Control committee and your letter has been received at a late stage after the Agenda has been published you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the Council's website or telephone the Council for further information. Please be advised that any comments you make that are not included within the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Members of the Development Control committee. Please also be aware that only a small number of all planning applications received go the Development Control Committee. Most are determined under delegated powers by Officers in which case your comments will again be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the internet on the Arun District Council Planning section. Please ensure that you only provide information that you are happy will be made available in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party, please ensure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the 'open file' please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that its contents will then be disregarded.

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a householder application, any representations made on the application will be automatically forwarded to the Secretary of State. Unlike all other types of appeal, there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Yours faithfully

Karl Roberts
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