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Our Ref:

Your Ref:

15th July 2022 (by email)

Dear Karen Humphries,

Application no. 22/0948/FULEI

**Land North of Butterfly Lane, Land Surrounding Hilfield Farm
and Land West of Hilfield Lane, Aldenham**

Installation of renewable led energy generating station comprising ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays and battery-based electricity storage containers together with substation, inverter/transformer stations, site accesses, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure, landscaping and bio diversity enhancements. (Re-submission of 21/0050/FULEI)

I write with regard to the above application which is a re-submission of planning application number 21/0050/FULEI to which CPRE Hertfordshire objected strongly and is now subject of a planning inquiry. The present proposals comprise minor amendments relating to a minimal reduction in area, and cosmetic adjustments with regard to the promotion of very special circumstances and related matters which would be required for development in the Green Belt.

None of the amendments constitutes any justifiable basis for a reassessment of this application leading to a consent. Our strong objection remains for all the reasons stated in our previous submission dated 17th February 2021.

CPRE Hertfordshire is part of the "combined objectors" to the forthcoming planning inquiry and intends to give evidence with regard to the potential impact of the proposals on protected open countryside. We urge the Council to continue its defence of highly valued countryside in this area and refuse permission for this barely amended application.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Berry
Planning Manager

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