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Heather Edey Planning & Development Dacorum Borough Council The Forum, Marlowes Hemel Hempstead Herts. HP1 1DN

Our Ref:

Your Ref:

9th November 2022 (by email)

Dear Heather Edey,

Application no. 22/02944/FUL
Park Farm, The Twist, Wigginton, Tring
Proposed array of PV panels installed on ground, creation of landscape bund to
east of array, new planting to south of array

I write with reference to the above application for ground mounted PV panels located within land designated as Green Belt and the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). I note that the application is not accompanied by a Planning Statement nor any discussion of the very special circumstances which would need to be demonstrated for this inappropriate development to be acceptable.

Notwithstanding the limited nature of the proposed development, the inadequate information provided prevents a full consideration of the issues affecting this application. In principle, CPRE Hertfordshire objects to inappropriate development in the Green Belt and AONB, particularly when undesignated land can serve a similar purpose without the damaging impacts on highly valued open countryside.

We would urge the Council to request further information, both on the justification for the proposed development and more details on the potential mitigation of impacts on designated protected land adjacent to the village boundary. This would enable an appropriate level of assessment to be undertaken and further consultation to take place.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Berry Planning Manager

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