

Further to my initial Relevant Representation, in this comment I will focus on the Goldwell Lane extension. Is this isolated small addition, on good (in part BMV) agricultural land warranted, for the level of unprecedented disruption to the village and, in particular, the residents of Goldwell Lane? IT IS NOT. This extension has not been justified by the applicant.

1. The site is on quality land which should not be given over to solar panels; the visual impact will detract from the views between the village and its church; the footpaths being cancelled/rerouted will harm the villagers enjoyment of their natural environment; and badgers living and roaming over this area will be severely affected; it will be a blight to the eastern side of the village - on top of the blight of the proposed overlarge development to the western side of the village.

2. The disruption to villagers during the construction period as outlined, is of great concern. This lane, which is narrow with a sharp bend at the bottom of the hill, is the main thoroughfare to the village primary school, the village hall (which is in constant use), is used by school buses ferrying children to and from their secondary schools, and used frequently by the school, taking children on walks, let alone for access to residents. IT JUST IS NOT SUITABLE FOR USE BY HEAVY CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC.

My concerns expressed in my earlier submission still stand, size and extent of the proposal; batteries, their number and size when there is no need to have such provision on site; traffic at the Smeeth crossroads; and unwarranted detriment to the village of Aldington given the existence of the EDF solar site already.