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Good afternoon

I am sorry but don't seem to be able to find the comment button for this application, please would you add my comments as below to the application.

UTT/22/2046/PINS | S62A/22/0006 - Development of a ground mounted solar farm with a generation capacity of up to 49.99MW, together with associated infrastructure and landscaping. | Land At Berden Hall Farm Dewes Green Road Berden

UDC Local Plan Policy GEN2 - Design (d) states" It helps reduce the potential for crime"

Essex Police neither support or oppose this application but state:
It should be noted that other parts of the country have seen an exponential rise in crime in relation to solar farms with everything from solar panels to cabling and ancillary equipment being targeted. In view of this we would like to see greater consideration given and shown to the security of the site during construction, during operation and upon decommissioning. With regards to the suitability of the proposed security provision there is insufficient detail provided to enable us to provide a meaningful comment on this application. Clearly planning to install "Deer fencing" in relation to crime will only provide a symbolic boundary, some high risk areas such as those containing batteries and other equipment will need greater security including a boundary treatment of appropriately security rated LPS1175 security fencing and gates. It should be noted that CCTV will provide history of an event, to be an effective deterrence and security measure CCTV needs to be monitored incorporating an intruder alarm, perimeter intrusion system and a viable response by the operator to any activations.

We would draw attention to the BREEAM document "Guide to large scale ground mounted solar PV systems". [REDACTED] and would welcome consultation with the developer in relation to this and other proposed large scale solar farms in order that crime risks are mitigated. .

Many thanks

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