

Planning Comment submission on application 2025/644 at 11/09/2025 16:17:06

Thank you for your comments on application 2025/644, which have been received.

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Planning App No	2025/644
Comment Reason	General comments about this application
Comment	<p>I am writing in support of the proposed Haxted Mead Solar farm. Fundamentally this project represents an opportunity to contribute positively to local and national objectives for renewable energy generation, climate resilience, and is a sustainable land use.</p> <p>The proposal aligns with paragraph 152 of the NPPF, which requires the planning system to support the transition to a low carbon future, and paragraph 158, which supports renewable and low carbon energy projects where their impacts are (or can be made) acceptable. Fundamentally, the UK Government has a legally binding commitment to achieve net zero by 2050. Solar PV is a proven, efficient, and low-cost technology essential to decarbonising the energy system. Tandridge District itself within it's own Local Plan recognises the need for sustainable energy solutions to address climate change. This solar farm is consistent local aspirations to promote renewable energy while protecting local amenity and the environment.</p> <p>Solar farms like this can provide clean, renewable electricity sufficient to power thousands of local homes, reducing dependency on fossil fuels. The scheme directly supports local and national strategies to mitigate climate change, improve energy security, and reduce carbon emissions.</p> <p>The design of this solar farm has clearly been carefully considered in terms of biodiversity and landscaping with hedgerow planting, and habitat corridors, ensuring a net gain can be achieved. The development has obviously been sensitively designed with screening, set-back distances, and appropriate landscaping, ensuring it integrates well into the surrounding environment. The relatively low height of panels also ensures in real terms minimal intrusion.</p> <p>The proposed solar farm represents a sustainable, carefully considered development that will bring significant environmental, social, and economic benefits to Tandridge District. It aligns with the NPPF, national climate commitments, and local planning policy objectives. I therefore respectfully submit that the Council should support and approve this proposal.</p>
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