

Put simply, the proposed project by the speculator, Evolution Power, to surround the rural village of Aldington, with a solar farm of 462 acres which potentially could include 116 battery energy storage systems, many in the vicinity of homes, should be dismissed. The site is inappropriate for many reasons; it will be visible for miles given its hillside location, inevitably the rural nature of the area will become industrialised immediately; the roads surrounding the proposed site are entirely unfit for the large vehicles which will be required for installation and maintenance, this is a very serious concern and a potential risk to life; good quality farm land will be lost; no alternative sites have been considered by the speculators, Evolution Power. The area of Aldington, once the homes of great writers, Noel Coward, Joseph Conrad and Ford Maddox Ford for good reason, its beauty, will be forever known as the Solar village if this inappropriate application goes ahead. Current applications for huge solar farms on the adjoining Romney Marsh, if they go ahead, will simply mean the end of rural life in south east Kent. Other forms of renewable energy are clearly now considered of far greater efficiency than solar farms of this nature, brought to make money for the investors without regard to the blighting of a rural community,