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Dear Mr Muir,

Planning Application 22/00741/F BYGRAVE SOLAR FARM

You may be aware that a Company by name of PACE has put in for planning permission to build a solar farm on the Ashwell edge of Bygrave.

Bygrave Road / Ashwell Road as you are aware is very narrow, barely lets two cars passed at best, has right angle bends and already has a weight limit on it, as at is not suitable for heavy goods vehicles.

We are extremely concerned that PACE Traffic Consultants APEX are proposing to bring low loaders and articulated lorries minimum 640 journeys - although we think it will be greater than that), in addition to an extra 5000 car / small van journeys up our narrow lane.

APEX are proposing to realign the junction of Bygrave Road and the A507 so that articulated lorries can turn into the road and intend using the width of the road near Cat Ditch to turn into site both proposals are extremely dangerous.

In our view PACE are blatantly ignoring highway safety in all its guises to justify a purely profit making enterprise at the cost endangering lives of villagers and Ashwell residents who use this road as their regular link to Baldock.

I attach copy of two emails that I sent to Mathew Armstrong highlighting our concerns. The second email was after PACE put in counter arguments from the first consultation.

I would be grateful, if as a County Councillor, you would assist in communicating our grave concerns to Highways at HCC to try and persuade them to object to the PACE CTMP.

Many thanks

Yours sincerely,

Philip Hills

Chairman Bygrave Parish Council