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Subject: Objection

Dear Uttlesford District Council

We are writing to object to the application to construct a solar farm comprising ground mounted solar arrays together with (among other things) battery storage, inverter cabins, a substation, fencing and CCT cameras on land near Pelham Substation Maggots End Road Manuden CM23 1BJ

We are an association of residents living at [REDACTED]
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It is important to note that we are not against solar panel energy creation and recognise the climate crisis across this country and the world, what we are against is having them in the wrong location such as this.

This proposal is a destruction of high-quality farmland that should be used to grow food, these "farms" should be located on brownfield sites.

The destruction of the natural habitat for many fantastic animals that live there. We see these on a daily basis deer, owls, birds of prey, rabbits etc. Surely it is wrong to suddenly close off their natural habitat with 2m high fences, danger of death signs and CCTV.

The destruction of natural amenities of the area with its many glorious footpaths that will become fenced off industrialised corridors that will be visually unappealing and also impinging on privacy with 24hr CCTV cameras.

Finally, as noted by English Heritage, there are 44 grade I listed buildings, 2 grade I listed buildings, 2 scheduled monuments and ancient woodland all within 2km of the proposed site which will be negatively impacted by the 150,000 solar panels across 180 acres.

We believe those factors alone are reason enough for Uttlesford district council to call an immediate stop to the proposal in any form at all, and that is our request.

The land owner is not proposing this for environmental reasons, they have been very clear that "making a return from farming has become harder" and that "the solar farm is a farm business decision", it is purely driven by profit with no consideration to the destruction we point out above.

Please take this as our objection