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**Subject:** [External] Objection to Pelham Spring Solar Farm - application numbers UTT/21/3356/FUL and 3/21/2781/FUL (East Herts)  
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I am 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 CCTV cameras on land near Pelham Substation Maggots End Road Manuden CM23 1BJ

My name is Robert Henry Whitefield insert your full name , and I live at [REDACTED]  
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The reasons for my objection are as follows:

Government policy is to listen to residents and to preserve the character of each area, bearing in mind the rural beauty and the amenities enjoyed by walkers, cyclists, horseriders, children and dog walkers.

The land proposed for industrial solar panels is good quality agricultural land and is a finite asset. There will never be any more land. It should be used for food.

The lanes in the area are far too narrow to accept the heavy vehicles needed to deliver all this equipment, It is too dangerous for children and pedestrians.

There are already too many solar panel schemes in this part of the country.

Solar panels are notoriously inefficient, often producing less than 20% of the rated output.

Batteries are next to useless for storing electricity. In the event of a power cut, only minutes of capacity would be provided.

Batteries are potentially lethal, are known to spontaneously ignite and are then likely to produce noxious gasses and powerful explosions.

The local water company is unable to supply sufficient volume of water to control such a fire.

The Fire Brigade (Firefighters) have no resources to tackle such an event.

Does the Council wish to approve another potential "Grenfell" disaster?

We do not want this development but would encourage the use of solar panels on (a) brownfield sites and (b) all suitably aspected roofs, both commercial warehouses and all new houses.