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Subject: Pelham Spring Solar Farm

This application has been previously refused by Uttlesford District Council.

Uttlesford has some of the most productive agricultural land in the area, and has already supported renewable energy to the tune of powering 132% of households in the Uttlesford area based on a 2040 projection of 52,000 households.

Uttlesford has already approved ground mounted solar generation capacity of 163MW which will power over 63,000 Uttlesford households.....11000 in excess of local requirement.

Littering the countryside with solar panels is folly when we need to produce food for an ever increasing population.

The war in Ukraine has demonstrated how important it is to produce as much of our own food as possible. We cannot be dependant and at the mercy of other countries assuming they will always be friendly.

Even now we are short of tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers.....the price of grain and fertilizers has rocketed putting more pressure on the price of food.

At the end of their life, the panels will have rendered the ground no longer viable for agriculture effectively a "brown field" site

One 14 MW off shore wind turbine can generate as much power as the whole of Pelham Spring Solar Farmpreserving the land for agriculture.

The proposal is industrialisation of the countryside by absentee land lords who will not have to look at a ravaged rural scene....it is purley a money making exercise exploiting the countryside for financial gain and not for "best practise" for the planet or population of this country. JUST GREED
When we can have productive land and electricity generation with wind turbines.

Research has shown that there are 600,000 acres of south facing roof space in the UK which could provide 50% of our countrys electricity.

Planning permission for new housing should require the provision of solar panels on the roof.....now.....not 3 years hence.

The local road network is unsuitable for the volume of vehicles, roads are narrow and winding and poorly maintained,

passing primary schools with consequences for young children from pollution and communities having to suffer, when wind turbines can produce the electricity we need preserving the land for agriculture.

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