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Subject: Section62A/2022/0011 Land East of Maggots End, Manuden, Pelham Spring Solar Farm

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Dear Planning Inspector,

As an Uttlesford resident with close relatives living close to Maggots End I wish to object to the above proposed development.

I am strongly in support of renewable energy, including solar, but solar panels should be installed on new housing, commercial roofs and brownfield sites, not on prime farmland. We need our land above all for growing food. Uttlesford already has enough solar to power 132% of its households, added to which many homes in the district already have solar panels on their roofs, avoiding the need to gobble up productive farmland.

I understand that this is the second application to build a solar farm on these fields and that Uttlesford District Council rejected the application outright first time round. I hope you will recognise the sound reasons for this rejection, and decline to approve the application this time round with the same recognition that farmland is needed for food and that this would industrialise a lovely tract of countryside and impact badly on residents and public rights of way.

Yours faithfully,

Lucy Armstrong