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**Subject:** Objection to Solar Farm on Land East of Pelham substation, Maggots End Manuden - Application number: S62A/2022/0011

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 Sally-Anne Latham, and I live at [REDACTED] This is a listed thatch property and there are many in this area.

The reasons for my objection are as follows:

The amount of traffic it will cause will effect our country lanes which are just not designed for large vehicles and heavy traffic, some of the routes are single track in places also. I walk with my dog around the lanes here and up the East End Lane and towards Albury, Stocking Pelham, and as there are no pavements (as there shouldn't be because this is the countryside!) it can be dangerous at times meeting speeding traffic, which will only get worse if this planning goes ahead and our lanes are gradually made worse by excessive traffic. Daily walking with my dog is something I look forward to and I love the scenery and the animals and birds you can see in the countryside. Building fences won't help wildlife at all and won't be a pleasure to walk around. The whole sense of being in the countryside will be negatively affected.

My house is grade II listed and even now, when a huge lorry passes my property, I can feel the vibrations within the house. Construction traffic could be immense if this were to go ahead.

The countryside around here is attractive and historical and productive farmland. It should be used for growing crops we will continue to need instead of solar which should be mounted on commercial roofs and on new builds. A wind turbine can generate as much power as the whole of the Pelham spring solar farm proposed. It will not benefit the local community either, with cheaper power, just desecrate the area which many of us have grown up in. I don't want this area to be industrialised and urbanised.

Please see the following points which make my comments very clear.

- Uttlesford's Policy ENV5 also says that development of the best and most versatile agricultural land will only be permitted where opportunities have been assessed for accommodating development on previously developed sites or within existing development limits. Where development of agricultural land is required, developers should seek to use areas of poorer quality except where other sustainability considerations suggest otherwise.
- As the land identified for development is high-quality agricultural land its use must be justified by the most compelling evidence.
- No evidence has been provided by Low Carbon to demonstrate that there has been consideration of other sites for a solar farm.

**The solar farm is inappropriate development in the countryside**

- The development proposed by Low Carbon can only be described as industrial.
- In addition to large numbers of solar PV panels (the exact quantity is not specified) the development will include ; 26 containerised inverters; 40 containerised battery storage units a DNO substation and Customer substation.
- National policy includes an environmental objective - to protect and enhance our natural, built and historic environment; including making effective use of land, improving biodiversity, using natural resources prudently, minimising waste and pollution, and mitigating and adapting to climate change, including moving to a low carbon economy.
- I do not understand how a massive solar farm which is an industrial development can possibly enhance the natural environment.
- The site is very close to the numerous listed buildings and scheduled monuments I do not accept that it can possibly enhance the historic environment.
- The development is not compatible with Uttlesford's policy S7 which says that the countryside will be protected for its own sake

There are many more things that I could add, but please take into consideration all the above. This planning would be absolutely detrimental to this gentle but busy agriculturally farmed area. Solar panel development is improving all the time and can more easily be put on house roofs and commercial buildings etc which will not ruin the whole infrastructure of our villages for decades to come.

Sally-Anne Latham