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**Sent:** 17 March 2023 11:13  
**To:** Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** S62A/2022/0011 Pelham Spring Solar Farm - OBJECTIONS

Dear Sirs,

We wish to voice our very strong objections to the above proposal to install solar farms around the Pelham area for the following reasons:

Low Carbon have not satisfactorily demonstrated that it is necessary to use what is high quality agricultural land for the purpose of covering it with solar panels. As the land identified for this development has been designated as high quality agricultural land, its use must be justified by the most compelling evidence and in this instance Low Carbon have failed to demonstrate that there has been any consideration given to using other sites for this solar farm.

At a time when food shortages across the world make imports of fresh food supplies difficult as well as exorbitant, it is paramount for this country to become self supporting as much as possible. To cover high quality land and render it useless for agricultural purposes is an outrage. The Uttlesford policy ENV5 clearly states that development of the best and most versatile agricultural land will only be permitted where all other options have been assessed and, therefore, other previously developed sites should have been considered and Low Carbon have not demonstrated that they have done this.

We are also concerned about the impact of this development on the rich diversity of wildlife around this area. It is rich in ecology with numerous red listed bird species noted as being present. If this monstrosity is allowed to go ahead, thousands of our natural wildlife will be severely impacted and many species may become under threat of survival. We do not understand how such a massive solar farm - which clearly is an industrial development - can possibly enhance our natural environment.

The site is very close to numerous listed buildings and scheduled monuments and, therefore, we do not accept that the proposal can possibly enhance this historic environment nor is it compatible with Uttlesford's policy S7 which states **that the countryside will be protected for its own sake.**

We strongly urge you to refuse permission for this solar farm to go ahead.

Yours faithfully,

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