

My name is Rosie Somers and I am speaking as an interested party from Stocking Pelham.  
I would like to use some of my time to play a video which has been authorised by the Council via ZOOM link:

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Please do not underestimate the impact of solar developments not just on biodiversity but also the noise these developments and their associated infrastructure make.

I doubt if anybody in this room is against renewable energy. I'm certainly not anti-solar, I have had panels retrofitted on my roof, replaced our oil boiler with an air heat source pump. Technology is advancing so quickly, particularly around solar panels. Why cover our fields with clunky outdated technology when we need that land to stay in food production?

Solar energy in 2024 is going through a paradigm shift in how we capture that energy - from various Building-Integrated Photovoltaics or BIPVS such as flexible lightweight solar skins for existing buildings, solar roof tiles, transparent solar panels replacing windows, to highly efficient floating solar farms..all saving land space. The UK is one of the most densely populated countries already, we don't need additional unnecessary pressure on land availability.

In ten years time we, our children and grandchildren will be looking around them thinking why? You saw from the video the absence of wildlife after 10 years. It's just the wrong location for a development of this nature.

I therefore invite the Inspector to refuse permission on the long-lasting detrimental effects such a solar development would have in relation to biodiversity, noise impact and our ability to feed ourselves.

Thank you