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Subject: S62A/2024/0045 Land at Wickham Hall Estate, Bishops Stortford, Uttlesford, CM23 1JG

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I am writing to Object to the above planning application on the basis of location suitability.

The applicants have lodged many documents and posed numerous arguments as to why this application should be passed. All of their claims are subjective and disputable. There are promises and statements which, based on similar applications elsewhere, will not be honoured.

I will try to keep my concerns brief.

The applicants claim that the local countryside aspect has already been compromised by the presence of a bypass, pylons and overhead cables. The plan then seeks to further blight what is left. How can this be acceptable?

It is acknowledged that the UK must increase creation of Renewable Energy initiatives. Whether Solar Power, in terms of area required per KW output, is the most suitable course of action is doubtful. Alongside our Energy aims we also have the ever increasing demand for UK based food production. The proposal seeks to assist the aims of Energy at the expense of Food. How is this a solution?

The proposed site is versatile arable land and therefore should not be utilised. There are vast swathes of land immediately verging motorways and major roads. Many are difficult to farm, or not farmed at all. Irrespective of Grid proximity, these areas, together with Industrial rooftops, new housing etc, should be utilised first. A planning policy which clearly states where development would be permitted will expedite the application to live process. It will give developers the framework they need for investment and also provide the general public with certainty on what to expect.

The decisions we take today are not short term.

David Lynch