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OBJECTION TO: Planning application –24/00384/FUL –Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage System

I am writing to you today, in reference to the proposed Solar Farm in the Poulter Valley, Elkesley, as I have grave concerns over the plans as they do encroach onto an area which is a haven for wildlife. The highlighted area (if not also others within the proposed site area) is most definitely the home to at least two Schedule 1 breeding birds.



All breeding birds are protected by law, however Schedule 1 breeding birds have additional special protections due to their rare breeding status (Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981). This area has the following Schedule 1 breeding birds within it:

- Woodlark (*Lullula arborea*)
- Cettis Warbler (*Cettia cetti*)

Other Schedule 1 birds have been recorded in the area which could also have the potential to be breeding as follows:

- Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*)
- Bittern (*Botaurus stellaris*)
- Red Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*)
- [REDACTED]
- Hobby (*Falco Subbuteo*)
- [REDACTED]

Attached you will see an excel spreadsheet which details the full 121 species of birds recorded in this area over the last 4 years. I do not see any reference to the above in the current application and wish to lodge an objection.

I hope this email gives an understanding to the Objection I have in regards to this planning application. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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