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Dear Planning Inspectorate Examination Authority

I am writing to formally submit my Relevant Representation in **STRONG OBJECTION** to the proposed Whitestone Solar Farm development.

While I support renewable energy in principle, the scale, location and visual footprint of this specific proposal are entirely inappropriate for this rural setting. My objections are based on the following key grounds:-

1 Harm to the Green Belt and Open Countryside

The proposed development represents an inappropriate industrial-scale intrusion into protected Green Belt land.

It will result in severe harm to the openness of the rural landscape, converting scenic, agricultural land into an industrial landscape dominated by solar panels, security fencing and sub stations.

The applicant has failed to demonstrate the "Very Special Circumstances" required to justify such extensive development on Green Belt land when suitable brownfield or rooftop alternative sites exist.

2 Loss of Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land

The proposed site covers vast swathes of productive agricultural land.

At a time of increasing national food security challenges, removing high-quality agricultural land from farming production for several decades is unacceptable and contrary to national planning objectives prioritising food production.

3 Transport, Construction, and Traffic Safety Concerns

The surrounding rural road network and local narrow lanes are completely unsuited to the volume, heavy tonnage, and dimensions of construction HGV's and commercial vehicles required for this project.

Increased heavy traffic poses severe risks to road safety for motorists, pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders, and will cause major disruption, congestion and structural damage to local roads.

4 Flood Risk, Surface Water Runoff, and Local Drainage

Replacing natural soil cover with non permeable panel surfaces and compaction from heavy machinery will significantly alter natural site drainage and increase surface water runoff.

Surrounding communities already face localised surface water flooding risks during rainfall events. The development risks worsening local flood hazards and overwhelming nearby drainage infrastructure.

5 Loss of Amenity, Public Rights of Way and Visual Impact

The proposal adversely impacts the enjoyment, tranquil quality, and open views along local Public Rights of Way, footpaths, and countryside routes heavily used by local residents for health and recreation.

The installation will adversely affect the visual setting, character and historic context of neighboring villages and residential properties.

6 Conclusion & Request

For the reasons outlined above specifically the severe impact on Green Belt land, traffic safety, flood risk, and rural amenities, I strongly urge the Planning Inspectorate and the Secretary of State to **refuse permission** for the Whitestone Solar Farm application.

Kind Regards

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