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Sent: 06 February 2023 12:12
To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Objection to Solar Farm on Land East of Pelham substation, Maggots End Manuden - Application number S62A/2022/0011

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to object to the application to construct a solar farm comprising ground mounted solar arrays together with (among other things) battery storage, inverter cabins, a substation, fencing and CCTV cameras on land near Pelham Substation Maggots End Road / Manuden.

My name is Mr. Apollo Spanos, and I live at:-

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I strongly object to all the proposals put forward for the above project(s), regardless of the exact fields / acres to be sacrificed, as it all ends up with the same problem - a totally unnecessary deletion of fertile farmland, at a time when :-

- a. There are other more productive, less destructive methods of achieving the same, or even better electricity generation levels. Within the European sphere Britain has the largest coastline (with the possible exception of Greece and its many smaller islands). Large sections of the UK coastline have relatively shallow seabed depths. This has to be the most logical place for us to be installing low carbon equipment - wind turbines - no loss of productive farm land, no unsightly / noisy installations right on top of rural / residential areas. Leaving aside the 'quick buck' motive, this has to be a no-brainer, and the only long term solution that we can all back with a clear conscience.
- b. Or - in view of the significant amount of building which is going on in and around Bishops Stortford and the surrounding villages, why is it that these developments (residential and commercial) have been given permission without a stipulation that all roof areas (where practicable) should carry solar panels ?
- c. Britain has one of the highest population densities in the western world. If this type of project is allowed to proliferate, how on earth are we going to justify to our children and future generations that the we have allowed the very land that we rely on (and will increasingly do so) to provide us with our sustenance, to be sterilised, covered over with electricity generation panels - when patently there are solutions which would do far less harm to our environment (even if these would involve some harm to the profit margins of the solar farm concerns and opportunistic land owners)

Yours faithfully

A. Spanos