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Subject: Objection to solar farm on Land east of Pelham substation. Maggots End, Manuden
Application No. S62A/2022/0011

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 CM23 1BE.

My name is Linda Long, I live at [REDACTED]
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The reasons for my objections are as follows.

The size of the development is simply too big. Uttlesford policy ENV15 says that small scale renewable energy development schemes to meet local needs will be supported providing it can be demonstrated that they do not adversely affect i) the character of sensitive landscapes ii) nature conservation interests or iii) residential recreational amenity.

This is not a "small scale" scheme.

The land identified by Low Carbon as the site for Pelham Spring solar farm extends to 196 acres. This important fact is not mentioned in the Planning Statement. If approved this would be the biggest solar in Uttlesford by some margin and one of the biggest in Essex. The visual impact of such a huge solar farm would fundamentally change the character of the area. The scheme will not contribute to the energy needs of local residents.

I am a keen walker and as a local resident walk everyday with 2 neighbours walking many of the paths that will be impacted by this farm. The views and enjoyment will be greatly reduced when we have to walk along a corridor with CCTV and fencing.

As a walker I am very concerned about this development will have on our local wildlife and birds. Personally in my garden I see yellow hammers, linnets, thrushes, goldfinch, wrens and sparrowhawk, a resident kestrel and barn owl. There are deer, muntjac, foxes. Badgers and hares.

The visual impact of this huge development cannot be satisfactorily mitigated.

The local roads in this area are totally unsuitable for large construction vehicles. It's impossible to drive through Manuden at school drop off and pick up times in a normal size car. In fact it's hard for two cars to pass each other on many of the roads.

There is no benefit in any way to the local community all we will get is a loss of rural amenities such as footpaths and wonderful open views.

We will also get disruption from extra heavy traffic and the complete destruction of quality farmland.

Low Carbon have certainly NOT listened to the views of local people.

The overwhelming feedback was that the development should not go ahead. Personally I don't know anyone who is in favour of it. It would be true to say that we are all devastated by this proposal.

The 49 year time span is not temporary.

Finally. The government does not support large scale solar development so why should Uttlesford.

Yours faithfully
Linda Long