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To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

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Subject: Application: S62A/2022/0011 Land East of Pelham substation, Maggots End, Manuden

Dear Sir or Madam,

Once again I must write to object to this proposed solar farm development.

In these difficult times we are more reliant on producing our own food than at any time since the second world war.

We cannot lose more good agricultural land and by default pay to import costly overseas produce.

Yes people need electricity but wanton distruction of prime agricultural land is not the answer.

Incidentally during the recent cold snap the generating boards had to request gas/coal power station to be prepared to fire up.

Why, because as every farmer knows in our worst winter weather we sit in a low pressure which means no wind and low cloud cover.

So solar panels and wind turbines just do not work, when you need electricity the most. Off shore wind turbines may still have sufficient wind to operate.

This is a national problem, government should make sure all new houses and factories have solar panels to at least provide electricity for their normal use.

Meanwhile there are acres of brown field sites and or waste land across our country which could support this type of proposed development.

We are an island the tides come in and out twice a day surely we should also be looking at making use of this natural resource.

So yes I object because this is the wrong development at the wrong time and in the wrong place.

