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

To whom it may concern,
I am writing to object to the application to construct a solar farm on land near Pelham Substation Maggots End Road Manuden CM23 1BJ

My name is Melanie Adams and I live at [REDACTED]

The reasons for my objection are as follows:

Uttlesford's 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 interest; or (iii) residential or 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 farm 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.

In addition to this, as well as living on (!), I often cycle and walk along the single track East End Lane between Manuden and Furneux Pelham. I understand that this is listed as a Protected Lane (UTTLANE152). In its 2012 assessment of East End Lane, Uttlesford scores the lane at 15. Importantly, the score in relation to Aesthetic value is 2, which reflects the fact that the lane has a variety of aesthetic features or forms/alignment and a significant view. The views along this lane will be hugely negatively impacted by the construction of huge numbers of solar panels and the associated infrastructure. The lane is not heavily trafficked and cycling and walking along it is a peaceful and solitary experience in the middle of the countryside.

This industrialisation of the countryside and loss of farmland as to stop before it is too late.

I would be grateful if you could register my objections.

Yours sincerely,

Melanie Adams