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The Planning Inspectorate,

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Dear Sir/Madam

OBJECTION to Pelham Spring Solar Farm
Application No. S62A/2022/0011: Land East of Pelham substation, Maggots End, Manuden

I am writing to object to the application made by Low Carbon to construct a solar farm comprising ground mounted solar arrays together with battery storage, inverter cabins, a substation, fencing and CCTV cameras on land between Maggots End Road Manuden CM23 1BJ and Brick House End in Berden on the grounds that it will have a damaging effect on the wildlife in the area.

The National Planning Policy Framework includes an environmental objective which is expressed as an aim to protect and enhance the natural, built and historic environment.

The security fencing which will surround the large areas of land earmarked for this development will remove traditional pathways for transitory animals such as the deer and brown hares which wander across the fields beside Battles Wood.

Large solar energy installations destroy wildlife corridors and nesting and feeding habitats. I also understand that bird deaths are a common occurrence as large areas of glazing are mistaken for water.

I note that the planning application records the existence on the site of a number of notable birds such as Skylarks, Yellowhammers, Linnets, Yellow Wagtails and Song Thrushes. If the habitats of these birds are destroyed, they cannot be easily recovered and removing or attempting to relocate these established habitats has disastrous consequences for the species within them.

This application should be rejected. 22nd Feb 2023

Yours , Ashley Tolley, ……

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Print Name *Date*

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cc Planning Department, Uttlesford District Council, Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden, CB11 4ER ([redacted]