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Subject: Objection to Solar Farm on Land East of Pelham substation, Maggots End Manuden -Application number: 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 1BJ

My name is Decia Lane, and I live at

The reasons for my objection are as follows:

1. That this will be using farmland. Why? Farmland should be used for growing crops. The UK does not produce enough food to feed its population. And to lose more farmland seems madness. It seems to me that no thought has gone into siting a possible solar farm here. Why can't brownfield sites, that have been polluted by previous industrial use and cannot be used to grow food, be used instead?

2. This is a beautiful area that is enjoyed by walkers, cyclists, runners and the general public using the wide variety of paths that go across it. It is beautiful countryside with incredible views and is going to be totally spoiled by having these ugly installations. Again, put them somewhere where they can be disguised or where they will not have this impact. Put them on new builds; put them on the roofs of factories; put them beside the motorways?

3. "Small" solar farm? Really? All these little bits are being put together to make a huge solar farm that will totally blight this area.

For these reasons, and many others, I object to this solar farm.

Decia Lane