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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 near Pelham Substation Maggots End Road Manuden CM23 1BJ because of the adverse impact that this development will have if the solar farm is built.

The development proposed by Low Carbon can only be described as industrial. In addition to large numbers of solar PV panels (the exact quantity is not specified) the development will include: 26 containerised inverters; 40 containerised battery storage units a DNO substation and Customer substation.

National planning policy includes an environmental objective - to protect and enhance our natural, built and historic environment; including making effective use of land, improving biodiversity, using natural resources prudently, minimising waste and pollution, and mitigating and adapting to climate change, including moving to a low carbon economy.

The development is also incompatible with Uttlesford's policy S7 which says that the countryside will be protected for its own sake.

I do not understand how a massive solar farm which is an industrial development can possibly enhance the natural environment. These sorts of developments belong on brownfield land or in an industrial setting.

The site is very close to the numerous listed buildings and scheduled monuments. I do not accept that it can possibly enhance the historic environment.

Yours

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Date

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