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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 "Pelham Spring Solar Farm" on land adjacent to Battles Hall Maggots End Road Manuden CM23 1BJ on the grounds that industrial solar farms are not needed to address the challenge of climate change.

I understand that the Government is committed to achieving net zero emissions by 2050 which requires a fundamental change in our sources of energy. However, certain renewable energy sources, if not properly controlled, can have serious consequences for our natural environment. National Planning Practice Guidance on "Renewable and low carbon energy" highlights that the need for renewable energy does not automatically override local environmental protections and the planning concerns of local communities.

Local authorities should ensure that roof-top panels are built-in to existing and proposed large commercial and agricultural buildings, as well as on public and community buildings. The Government has estimated that there are currently 625,000 acres of south-facing commercial roofs in the UK. I understand that PV for buildings is the area where there are rapid technological advances, such as thin-film PV and PV tiling which can provide more efficient roof-top energy generation.

Yours faithfully

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