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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 panels with battery storage, inverter cabins, a substation, fencing and CCTV cameras on land near Pelham Substation Maggots End Road Manuden CM23 1BJ

My name is Georgina Hofer and I live at [REDACTED]

The reasons for my objection are as follows:

I believe in renewables but there are so many plans around us for solar farms that will change our landscape, industrialising it, for the sake of inefficient solar panels which technology will surpass very soon with more efficient and less environmentally costly solutions. This is a hastily formed plan, the effects of which will be felt after our lifetimes. We should be more responsible for future generations and look for the right renewable solution, not use up BMV agricultural land, that we are going to need to achieve greater food security. Uttlesford's Policy ENV5 also says that development of the best and most versatile agricultural land will only be permitted where opportunities have been assessed for accommodating development on previously developed sites or within existing development limits. Uttlesford already has enough ground mounted solar to power 132% of its households, so we really don't NEED more in this locality.

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 interests; or iii) Residential and recreational amenity. I have seen the comments on the noise from the batteries and this will only get worse with the new solar farms – how can we expect people to suffer that and take the hit on the sanctuary and value of their homes. And these plans are not small scale. The planners need to consider all the other plans in the pipeline too, to properly consider the impact on residential amenity. Wickham Hall has passed, and there will also be Berden and Violets Lane coming. As a resident, I feel this is all one big plan.

The transport plan is also plain crazy. 20 HGV's a day means 40 HGV journeys past the school and through the village A DAY – its madness going past the school with all the parked cars making it a single track road in places. The road is single track because of traffic calming and parked cars at other points on the route too. We live with the jams caused by farm vehicles trying to pass other large vehicles (caravans/oil delivery/tractors etc) in a space where one large vehicle can't pass a car, let alone another HGV coming the other way. Whoever planned this route clearly hasn't driven along it! And the safety of all this chaos past the school has to be very closely considered because an accident is unthinkable and is a huge responsibility for planners to bear.

The plans in the application to fence in the solar panels to protect them, will leave us with fenced corridors rather than open countryside for our daily walks. As a lone female walker who would not

walk down an alleyway in a town, I will not feel safe in a fenced in corridor in a field. The deer who usually roam free and are worth consideration, will be limited in where they can go. I really don't want to meet a herd of them in one of these corridors – it will not be safe. They tend to panic (especially if I am walking a dog) and there will be no bush to jump behind.

Please do not pass this application.

Georgina Hofer