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Subject: Objection to Solar Farm on Land East of Pelham Substation., Maggots End Manuden
Application No S62A/2022/0011

Dear Sir/Madam,

We strongly object to this application for the construction of the Pelham Spring Solar Farm on agricultural land between Berden and Stocking Pelham.

1. Solar farms can easily be made a mandatory requirement on roof space for all new commercial building sites and incentivised for existing sites. This alone could provide half the electricity requirement of this country. This is making the best use of brown field sites and not despoiling our countryside or removing more vital agricultural land.
2. Never has the protection of agricultural land been so vital as is now the case. 40% of all food consumed in the UK is imported and the majority of our wheat is from the Ukraine. The majority of this site is classed as high value for the production of arable crops and we cannot continue to diminish this important asset, which will be lost forever.
3. The area proposed is one of outstanding beauty and would be completely devastated by this development and its impact on the surrounding area.
4. The area consists of a framework of narrow country lanes which cannot withstand this excessive traffic during or after the construction process. For Pelham Spring Solar Farm, the traffic will travel from Newport or via Great Hornead and pass Clavering Primary School. The Clavering turning from Newport is already struggling with excessive traffic and the narrow Stortford road, past the Primary School becomes gridlocked with several large developments near the school adding to the problems. This site could not really have been applied for in a less suitable position for access down narrow lanes, where it is often difficult to pass another vehicle without going down the potholes at the side of the road.

For the reasons stated above we strongly object to this application.

Yours Faithfully,

Jeremy and Rebecca Veitch

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