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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

The purpose of this letter is to register my objection to the application made by Low Carbon to construct Pelham Spring Solar on land outside Manuden (near to Battles Farm, Maggots End CM23 1BJ).

National Planning policy says that planning decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, sites of biodiversity or geological value and soils. There is also a statement to the effect that significant development of agricultural land is demonstrated to be necessary, areas of poorer quality land should be preferred to those of a higher quality.

I do not accept that this development on high quality agricultural land is necessary. The Government has committed to sufficient off-shore wind power to supply every home in the country by 2030. If there is a case for solar power, panels should be installed on brownfield sites (including disused airfields). Developers like Low Carbon should also explore options such as putting solar on roof tops and in car parks (especially those adjacent to Stansted). Uttlesford should also insist that all new buildings feature solar panels.

Using greenfield land should be a last resort and then, only poor quality land should be used (and not productive farm land).

Yours faithfully

Mrs M Spencer, 22nd Feb

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