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The Planning Inspectorate,

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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 farm land adjacent to Maggots End Road Manuden CM23 1BJ because people want to walk in open countryside – not along a corridor with fences either side.

There are eight local Public Rights of Ways within and immediately adjacent to the site comprising of one Bridleway and seven Footpaths. I understand that local residents frequently walk along these footpaths.

National Planning policy requires that planning decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside, and the wider benefits from natural capital and ecosystem services – including the economic and other benefits of the best and most versatile agricultural land, and of trees and woodland

I understand that Low Carbon are planning to erect fences around the solar panels and that the existing footpaths will become corridors. The 10m wide corridor proposed will prevent walkers from seeing the countryside and enjoying the countryside as they currently experience it.

The countryside is a precious resource and should be left for people to enjoy.

Yours,

25th February 2023

Robert Mason

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Print Name *Date*

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