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The Planning Inspectorate,

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Dear Sir

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 land between Maggots End Road Manuden CM23 1BJ and Brick House End in Berden on the grounds of the harm that this development will cause to the landscape.

The National Planning Policy Framework includes an environmental objective which is expressed as an aim to protect and enhance the natural, built and historic environment.

Fields containing continuous rows of metal and glass will bring a dramatic industrial scar to this rural environment which is further damaged by perimeter security fencing, CCTV systems and buildings housing associated apparatus including the battery storage units. At 196 acres, the scale and appearance of this ground-mounted solar installation will be obtrusive on the landscape and will therefore be contrary to local planning policies.

Traditional views, which frame the setting of the historic buildings in the immediate vicinity of the site will be destroyed and the character of footpaths will be altered forever. Much of the site for this development (in the fields below Battles Wood) is on sloping land and will be highly visible from the surrounding landscapes.

Solar panels belong on the roofs of buildings and not in the countryside.

Yours,

Sara Scott, 23rd Feb 2023

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Print Name *Date*

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