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Subject: OBJECTION TO PELHAM SPRING SOLAR FARM

My name is Bronwen Burton and I live at [REDACTED]
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I am writing to place my objection to application number S62A/2022/0011: Land east of Pelham substation, Maggots End, Manuden

I am extremely concerned about the fact that for this application Low Carbon are planning to use good quality arable farm land. Watching Countryfile last night the very obvious message that was being communicated to the audience was that we need to produce more of our own food rather than expensively import it from other countries. Due to the fact that we have withdrawn from the EU makes us much more vulnerable as a nation. We need to be more self sufficient.

Every day I walk the paths around Berden, including those targeted by Low Carbon. I watch the crops grow. I see them being harvested and sent off to the production lines, some of which eventually end in our supermarkets. The crops are healthy. They are also cover for a range of birds and wildlife. There will be no advantages to them if this horrendous proposal is allowed to go ahead.

I ask the question WHAT BROWN FIELD SITES HAVE LOW CARBON EXPLORED? This question is very topical as there are available to these companies. They do not have to use quality fields.

Unfortunately the only people this is going to benefit are the greedy money grabbing farmers who are selling out to these companies. And the companies themselves. We currently have a battery unit in Berden, close to the grid station which when it was being built they promised to screen the unit, make it blend into the countryside, paint it green, place a wildlife pond around it None of this happened. Every day we have to look at this monstrosity, a blight on the landscape. Whatever these companies say I am afraid I cannot believe.

My other concern is access. We are a rural community, we have small narrow lanes that lead to the proposed sites. How exactly are we going to cope with huge lorries delivering vast quantities of solar panels. They will have to negotiate tight turns, small passing places, going past schools and community centres, going through the middle of small villages such as Newport and Manuden , where cars are parked on the side of the road as a matter of necessity. They have no where else to park. It makes it tight sometimes for myself as a driver of a mini, let alone these huge vehicles that will be attempting to follow the same path. The roads are used by walkers, ramblers, cyclists. I foresee some horrible accidents happening if this is allowed to go ahead. If you say yes to this planning application and someone gets injured or killed, are you as the planning inspectorate going to hold your hands up and say "it was our fault"

I am hoping you take the sensible route when considering this application. There are no benefits to any of our local villagers or communities if this is allowed to go ahead.

With regards
Bronwen Burton