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Dear Planning Inspector,

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 Pelham Spring Solar Farm at Maggots End, Manuden.

My family live in Berden and I live nearby in Duxford and visit Berden most weekends. I am 25 years old and extremely concerned by the climate crisis like many people of my generation. I wish to state that I am a strong supporter of renewable energy.

However, I am also concerned about food security. Here in the UK we import more than 40% of the food we consume. The agricultural land around Berden is used for growing wheat, barley and oilseed rape, and these are crops which we would otherwise need to import, which involves a huge carbon footprint in itself.

Instead of using prime arable land for short-term developments which will industrialise the countryside (Berden is already earmarked for another huge solar farm on the other side of the substation) why are we not installing solar panels on all new housing and on warehouse roofs and on car parks as is now mandatory in other European countries?

My generation are already facing many challenges due to climate change, but in my opinion taking up agricultural land for solar energy is not solving the climate crisis, it is adding to it, and I therefore wish to express my opposition to this development.

Yours faithfully,

Bill Armstrong-Mortlock

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