From: Andrew Nelson Sent: 06 March 2023 14:13
To: Section 62A Applications < section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Cc: Subject: Objection to Solar Farm on Land East of Pelham substation, Maggots End, Manuden
Application number S62A/2022/0011
I am writing to object to the above Application.
My name is Andrew Nelson.
The reasons for my objection are as follows:
 This proposal would site a so-called "Solar Farm" (actually a huge industrial development) on a large acreage of good quality arable farmland, thus depriving the country of many tonnes of wheat or other arable crops each year for a suggested period of 40 years. At a time when food security is already at risk, this cannot be a sensible option. The proposed development would be a serious intrusion into open countryside, which is contrary to UDC's Planning objectives.
There are many more suitable (though perhaps less convenient or profitable for the developer) sites within the Uttlesford area which would have less impact on local amenities, traffic movement, noise intrusion, and loss of open footpath access.
3. This site is surrounded by areas where Planning Applications for similar developments are already in the pipeline. If this Application is granted, it would seem that there would be no good reason to turn down other pending Applications, which would ultimately result in this part of Essex and East Herts becoming smothered in a sea of Solar panels.
I would therefore urge the Planning Inspectorate to consider very carefully the strong local opposition to this proposal, and to reject it.
With many thanks,
Sincerely,
Andrew Nelson