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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 record my objection to the application made by Low Carbon to construct a solar farm comprising ground mounted solar arrays plus battery storage, inverter cabins, a substation, fencing and CCTV cameras on land near Battles Hall Maggots End Road Manuden CM23 1BJ because the negative impact on this historic environment.

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 note that Battles Wood is classified as an ancient woodland. Blakings Lane which runs alongside the proposed site is an ancient right of which features on the Chapman and Andre Map of Essex from 1777. If allowed to proceed, this development will have a hugely negative impact on the public's enjoyment of Blakings Lane and will ruin the appreciation of Battles Wood which is visible from many of the footpaths in the vicinity. These ancient features of the landscape should be preserved in their current state for future generations to enjoy.

Yours

8<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Barbara Welch

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