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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 application to construct a solar farm comprising ground mounted solar arrays together with (among other things) battery storage, inverter cabins, a substation, fencing and CCTV cameras on land near Pelham Substation Maggots End Road Manuden CM23 1BJ

My name is [ Douglas Northcott ], and I live at [REDACTED]

The reasons for my objection are as follows: This is a small country with very limited good agricultural land for food production. To use such large amounts of the very best agricultural land for the purpose of solar panels is absolutely crazy.

With so much new building going on in the country, both domestic and commercial, with the vast areas of roof space NOT being fitted with solar panels it would seem a lack of common sense by planners and legislators. You can't grow food on the roof!

It would seem in this country that some farmers would rather take an easier way out to produce an income from their land by having solar panels installed than actually working to produce vital food for the country. Food shortages at the present times should show the desperate need for as much production locally. I have had years of commercial experience in producing foodstuffs in small areas with very limited land space, it can be done.

To allow so much of our countryside to be used for this type of construction is wrong. The amount of traffic such developments cause in the rural lanes is unacceptable. To spoil the countryside, footpaths and natural habitats is criminal and irreversible.

There are alternatives to solve this problem.

Yours sincerely

Douglas Northcott