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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 David Williams, and I live at [REDACTED]

The reasons for my objection are as follows:

- 1.) The solar farm described by low carbon is a large scale industrial development. It will adversely affect the character of this beautiful rural area containing some of the oldest woodlands in the country. If approved, the solar farm would be the largest such development in the Uttlesford area.
- 2.) The land is high grade farm land. It is very unlikely that the value of renewable energy produced by the proposed solar panels would equate to the value of farm crop currently produced. Farm land in the UK is required not only for food production but also for new woodland. Planting more trees is vital for reducing the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.
- 3.) Solar panels are a far less efficient means of producing renewable energy compared to wind turbines or hydro schemes. 100 acres of solar panels produces less energy than just one off shore wind turbine and no land is lost to production. Solar panels are best placed on domestic and industrial buildings.
- 4.) The Government do not support large scale solar development on good agricultural land. I hope that Uttlesford District Council will take the same view.