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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 this application on the grounds that solar energy is not as efficient as other renewable energy sources. It will mean the removal of valuable productive arable land which will weaken our food production resilience and leave the land after the 40-year 'temporary' timescale as a 'brownfield site' no longer viable for agriculture. The countryside should be protected as a valuable community asset, where locals and visitors alike can take advantage of the tranquility and health and well-being benefits it provides, untouched by industrial developments such as solar panel installations and batteries. Brownfield sites, commercial rooftops, and new builds should be used instead of farmland. Solar panels are not 'green', given the carbon footprint of their manufacture, import, installation, and decommissioning. There will be a huge impact on the local road network and communities with no local benefit. I have personal experience of how being able to access local natural and farmed landscapes and the rural environment can heal after mental illness. Please don't let this development go ahead.

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