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Subject: Solar farm objection S62A/2022/0011

Please find my objections to the above proposal Maggots End Manuden Application:

This land is graded as arable and therefore high value for crop production, 40% of all food consumed in the UK is imported and for food security we now need to farm crops wherever possible.

Low Carbon describe their 40 year timescale as temporary, this is beyond some of our lifespans and we will see only the destruction of our countryside and then these sites left for the younger generation as brown field sites which are no longer viable for agriculture.

Uttlesford has already sufficient ground mounted solar to power 132% of its households which equals 38,669 houses, with already approved further solar power sites to provide 13,000 more by 2040 totalling 52,000 properties.

One off shore wind turbine can generate as much power as the whole of Pelham Springs Solar Farm and being an island it makes good sense to source power by these. The north east coast is an ideal site 120 miles off shore.

Solar farms do not need to be built on our countryside they can go on commercial roofs and on new builds we need to look at the German example where 50% of their solar generated power comes from roof mounted solar panels. Why are we not doing the same?

What about putting solar farms on brown fields such as active or disused airfields.

The proposed development will be a huge impact on our road networks, our fragile country lanes and our environment. The road pass the Manuden Primary school is narrow and troublesome for passing vehicles and construction traffic will cause further problems.

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