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Dear Planning Inspector,

OBJECTION to Pelham Spring Solar Farm  
Application No. S62A/2022/0011: Land East of Pelham substation, Maggots End, Manuden

I am writing to object to the application made by Low Carbon to construct a large-scale solar farm at Maggots End, Manuden.

Although I live in Cambridge, I grew up in Berden and visit my family there very frequently. Like most people of my generation, I believe that we need renewable energy and I am extremely concerned about the climate crisis. As a teacher, I see our future generations each day, and we have a duty to protect their planet.

However, I am equally concerned about food security in this country, and the loss of prime farmland for solar energy production when nearby new housing developments are being built without solar panels on their roofs. This should be mandatory, as it is elsewhere in Europe. Once lost, productive arable land is lost forever; at Terriers Farm in Thaxted the developers removed all the topsoil for the solar farm site and sold it, meaning the land can never be farmed again. This is not helping the climate crisis, it is making it worse, not least because it increases our reliance in the UK on importing food, which means more food miles and more carbon emissions.

Please reject this application for the sake of my generation and those to come.

Yours faithfully,

Eleanor Armstrong-Mortlock