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Subject:

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 Pelham Spring Solar Farm at Maggots End, Manuden.

I have family in the nearby village of Berden and visit often for weeks at a time and have come to have a great understanding of the community and wildlife there over the years.

I am a member of the school of biological sciences at the University of Manchester and have extensive experience in biotechnology and atmospheric, plant, and climate sciences. I am aware that solar technology is advancing rapidly. I am also aware of the current technologies and their shortcomings in our climate; it is clear to me that this proposal is all about profit and not about truly solving our nation's energy needs. In my opinion, putting large-scale solar farms on arable land is the complete opposite of 'green.'

Replacing historical arable land with an expanse of solar panels should never be the answer to generating more energy when there are millions of rooftops and brownfield sites to be utilised. Arable land, such as the site proposal, can be far more useful to society by being productive in mitigating food shortage whilst maintaining its cultural historic identity- two things also at great increasing risk.

I predict that my generation will not forgive those who went before us if you do not act now to save our precious countryside. I therefore ask you to reject this application.

Yours faithfully,

Freya Rathmill