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**Subject:** Objection to Solar Farm on Land East of Pelham substation, Maggots End Manuden - Application number: S62A/2022/0011

To whom it may concern

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

Our names are Fergus and Katharine McMullen and we live at  
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The reasons for my objection are as follows:

1. That grade 2 good farming land will go to waste for 30+ years when we need to be more and more self sufficient being an island.
2. That rare wildlife such as skylarks, black caps and plovers nesting grounds will disappear. These birds are on the 'watch' list of threatened extinction and this is not helping their plight. The hectares are also feeding grounds for swifts that nest in the surrounding villages of Battles Farm. These birds are also on the decline and must be protected. Only 30 years ago a swift used to take only 10 minutes of flying catching insects to feed their young. It now takes them at least 45 minutes as there is less insect life. Take away good arable land and land that has livestock in it and the swifts will soon disappear.
3. My wife and I have beef walking all around Battles Farm and Berden village for the last 23 years and love it. Once these ugly solar farms, which will look like a Russian gulags with their security lights and high fencing, we will have all that taken away. There are better sites that do not use up good farm land but because they are further away from the Grids batteries they will cost the companies more money to install. Well so be it! They should have to find a more user friendly site that doesn't change people's lives so irreparably badly.

Yours sincerely

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