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Dear Sir

Application : S62A/2022/0011
OBJECTION to Pelham Spring Solar Farm
Land east of Pelham substation, Maggots End, Manuden

I am writing this letter to beg and implore you not to allow the application by Low Carbon to construct a solar farm comprising ground mounted solar arrays together with battery storage, inverter cabins, a substation, fencing and CCTV cameras on land between Maggots End, Manuden CM23 1BJ and Brick House End, Berden because of the huge amount of local opposition to this scheme – which Low Carbon have ignored.

The thought of such a development alongside what already exists is upsetting beyond belief for myself and my neighbours in this idyllic part of the English countryside.

Spoiling the countryside alone is only a small part of the bigger picture of what would occur should this horrific application be accepted. Here are my main concerns: -

1. We are facing a world food crisis. Eighty-seven percent of life forms on this planet – microbes, worms, insects, birds, animals, human beings, plants, trees and every other vegetation on the planet is sustained by an average of thirty-nine inches of topsoil. This is in grave danger right now. In the last forty years, forty percent of the world's topsoil has been lost. The United Nations says we have soil left only for approximately eighty to hundred harvests, which means another forty-five to sixty years of agriculture. After that, we will not have the soil to produce food. You can imagine the suffering that we will unfold in the world. Every arable field within the United Kingdom requires to be kept that way and the farmers, as announced by Boris Johnson only on 13 June 2022 regarding the Government's new food strategy. To support and assist farmers to utilise their green space for food production. **Food Security for the UK has to be the number one priority.** We have rewilding strategies ongoing throughout the country to bring back quality land for food production. There can be no argument - this cannot be taken away from our farming community.

2. **What are the three things we need to do to prevent an ecological disaster? The three things are, 'Soil, Soil, and Soil.'**

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