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**Subject:** OBJECTION TO SOLAR FARM ON LAND EAST OF PELHAM SUBSTATION, MAGGOTD END MANUDEN - S62A/2022/0011

Whilst being completely supportive of renewable energy, both solar and land based wind in the appropriate places, I cannot see the sense of covering vast acreages of Best and Most Versatile farm land with thousands of solar panels and I therefore object to proposal S62A/2022/0011 and any similar proposals anywhere in the United Kingdom.

**We must protect our BMV farm land.**

The UK has decided to step away from complete involvement with the EU and wishes to go it alone and, I presume, be as self sufficient as possible.

In an ever changing world that seems to be more vulnerable to food insecurity, currently due to a major European war, summer droughts and the vagaries of rainfall, we need to look to our own needs as well as those less fortunate than ourselves.

Our ability to protect our agricultural and livestock farming must be paramount. I have heard it said that some of our local fields involved in the two current local solar proposals (S62A/2022/0011 and S62A/2200/006) are only good for growing animal feed. I don't know how true this but if that is the case is not better that we produce as much of our own animal feed than import it from distant lands that might not be as respectful of their environment, and that of the whole planet, as the UK hopes to be in future years(?) An example of this could be imports from Brazil that have been farmed at the expense of the vital Amazonian jungle.

Yes, we need solar generated energy but in appropriate places and using existing facilities e.g. commercial roof space, farm buildings, disused airfields, land fill locations, car parks and **all** new housing developments. I understand that in the case of car parks the open air Babraham facility, in Cambridge, is currently being roofed with solar panels. Well done the people that thought of that one and other planning departments in places such as airports should be obliged by law to consider doing the same.

**I repeat: We must protect our BMV farm land. We all need to think holistically for the good of the whole planet rather than pander to those few amongst us that are looking to make vast profits from jumping on the renewable energy band wagon.**

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Many thanks.

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