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

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

My name is John B. Walker, and I live at [REDACTED].

The reasons for my objection are as follows:

To introduce myself – my name is John Walker and I moved to Berden in December 2011. I am concerned about climate change and so as soon as possible I installed solar panels on the roof of our house. My next action was to change a diesel car to an electric car. I am very keen on recycling and endeavour to reduce my carbon footprint in anyway that I can. Recently when travelling through Austria and Germany by coach, I was very impressed to see the number of buildings both domestic and commercial that had solar panels installed on their roofs. I am very disappointed that the same approach has not been taken in the UK. I believe that the government should be giving a lead and encouraging the installation of solar panels on roofs of buildings.

I wish to object to the installation of a solar array on good quality farmland. To do so at this time seems to be entirely the wrong thing to do, where the UK is not self-sufficient in food and global supplies are compromised. Finally, numerous technical experts are predicting that there will be an advancement in technology soon that will lead to more efficient generation of electricity and wrapping of existing buildings. Therefore to cover large areas of the countryside with solar panels for up to 40 years appears to be the wrong decision.

I urge the inspector to look at this application in the round and to reject it in the wider interests of society.

John Walker