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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 Linda Long and I live at [REDACTED]

The reasons for my objection are as follows:

The project is huge and overbearing. It will affect nature and residential and recreational amenities. 196 acres is not small. It will be the biggest solar farm in Uttlesford and one of the biggest in Essex. The visual impact will be huge and will not contribute to energy needs of local residents.

I'm a keen walker and everyday I walk with 2 equally keen neighbours. We walk on footpaths and bridle ways and we see lots of different birds including skylarks, yellow hammers, wagtails and red kites to name a few. We also see hares and deer. Everyday we say how lucky we are and how our lovely walks keep us sane. This will be ruined by this horrible development. Solar panels are NOT good for wildlife whatever the developers say.

There is also the loss of good farmland, something we are definitely going to need in the future This is an inappropriate industrial development in countryside. This will not enhance natural environment. Development is not compatible with Uttlesford policy S7 which states countryside will be protected for its own sake.

Apart from the visual impact there is the problem with local roads which can barely cope with 2 cars passing each other. The roads are in a terrible state now, huge potholes and degradation of the surface and gutters. How much more damage will be done by huge numbers of lorries driving along unsuitable roads.

The developers have ignored the views of the local community, in fact, I would say that they had no interest in what we thought.

We do not need more renewable energy in Uttlesford. All the new houses being built everywhere, I haven't noticed any solar panels on their roofs, why not ??

There are plenty of other places solar farms could go, airports, industrial sites. They should not be on prime farmland ruining beautiful countryside and damaging our precious wildlife.

Yours faithfully
Linda Long