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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 Patricia Hutchings and I live at [REDACTED]

The reasons for my objection are as follows:

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- 1 The views of residents . as expressed as a result of the pre-consultation meeting , have not been taken notice of. 95% oppose this development
- 2 There is a serious safety issue which would be increased if all the solar/battery proposals in this area go ahead. Already these country roads cannot cope. I know from experience. I was well behind a laden grain lorry when it met another lorry coming towards it. The grain lorry reversed into me despite the distance I had left between us. I could not reverse because of a car behind me. The grain lorry driver apologised and commented “ These country roads were not built for these big lorries “. Think how more dangerous with an extra 4500 HGVs these country lanes will become.
- 3 The proposal would cover 196 acres making it the largest solar site in Essex. This is too big.
- 4 196 acres of good, productive agricultural land would be taken out of food production. We now have a war in Europe which has already affected agricultural yield of a staple crop ie wheat which this site is well suited to growing. This situation is compounded by our rapidly increasing population.
- 5 There is an alternative site on the rooves of commercial properties. New light weight solar panels are well suited to such placement. I could easily find CC 196 acres of such sites