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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 Paul Klimowicz (

The size a scale of this solar development (and the other developments proposed nearby) are inappropriate and I strongly object to the proposal. Key reasons below:

- The ecology of the area will be disrupted and the habitat of red listed birds and other protected species is being put at risk;
- The trade-off against the loss of productive BMV farmland (especially grade 2) is not compelling enough to override the protections we must afford to BMV land at a time of food crisis. Government guidance, local plans etc are clear that we must protect BMV land. The sustainability of local food production is more important now than ever.
- There are safety concerns around site accessibility especially given the high volume of vehicle movements not just in and around the proposed site but also the journey to it (passing a number of schools, and on narrow lanes not designed for such industrial traffic).

Sustainability and appropriate development should be considered but not at any cost. The planning inspectorate has a duty to protect from inappropriate development which this is.

Kind regards

Paul