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

Dear Sir/Madam

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

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- This technology is not efficient compared with other renewables and will become obsolete within a short space of time while the environmental impact will last for at least the 40 years projected. Please consider the long term impact of the effect of these solar farms, where the land is shown by environmental experts to be permanently (See CPRE doc attached) degraded. [REDACTED]
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Especially if the top soil is removed & sold by the developers to increase profit. (Which has happened I just can't find documentation at this moment.)

- There is no justification in this day and age, and particularly with the current situation in Eastern Europe, to destroy good agricultural land, especially within such close proximity to London with a huge population that requires food, there seems little sense to transport it from thousands of miles away, when it can be produced in rural Essex and Hertfordshire.

The government has a policy to protect good agricultural land. We can have both renewables and best and most versatile agricultural land, it just needs planning. Please don't let our food security vanish on your watch.

- Renewable energy, which I'm in favour of, can be better produced with offshore wind. Government statistics show off shore wind is far more efficient and solar panels are only 11% efficient in this country (not surprising given our climate). Solar has a place but it's in multifunctional spaces like rooftops, not a valuable asset like farmland.

- If the local authorities are so in favour of creating solar power, why isn't every single new building, be it commercial or residential, being created with solar roofs? Planners could mandate this for the enormous housing or commercial developments that you authorise.

- The impact of the traffic passing through the narrow roads of villages and hamlets to facilitate this project, does not bear thinking of, and the planners bear the responsibility, should there be any accidents attributed to this project.

Yours faithfully

Peter Hofer