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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 Susan Fiona McKeating, and I live at [REDACTED]
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The reasons for my objection are as follows:

I strongly object to this proposal on the environmental grounds that this development will be using high grade arable land which after construction would only be available for grazing by small ruminants such as sheep. This is a most inappropriate use of such a valuable natural resource. The land is currently productive farmland categorised as Best and Most Versatile . Were the development be allowed to proceed it will permanently be lost for food production and provide solar electricity whose production at best is only around 25% efficient at this latitude. Lower quality land such as brown field sites should be used for such developments.

The application proposes the erection of strong and secure boundary fences which will adversely affect the long-established wildlife corridors across the arable land linking the extensive woodland in the area proposed for development.

This development would further encourage urban sprawl out of Bishops Stortford damaging the rural nature of the locality.

S Fiona McKeating