

From: Tom Armstrong-Mortlock [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 March 2023 15:31
To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: OBJECTION to Pelham Spring Solar Farm Application No. S62A/2022/0011

Dear Planning Inspector,

OBJECTION to Pelham Spring Solar Farm
Application No. S62A/2022/0011: Land East of Pelham substation, Maggots End, Manuden
I am writing to object to the application made by Low Carbon to construct Pelham Spring Solar Farm at Maggots End, Manuden.

As a young resident of the nearby village of Berden, I am extremely concerned by the climate crisis and fully recognize the need for renewable energy. I am a supporter of green energy solutions, including solar, and for my generation, this is an even more frightening and concerning issue than for others, given the rate of climate change predicted.

However, I am also concerned about food security in this country, and the prospect of short-term solar developments consuming and damaging large areas of prime farmland which the UK needs for food production. Unlike the energy crisis, the food security issue can only be solved one way, by keeping farm land active. There are many other and more efficient ways to produce green energy therefore I don't see taking up much need farm land to produce it an effective or efficient plan

I am an electrical engineering student at the University of Manchester and I am aware that solar technology is advancing rapidly. I am convinced that within a few years, we will look back and wonder why we let developers gobble up productive arable land with solar panels that are not even efficient in our climate, and that are all about making a fast profit and not about truly solving our nation's energy needs. In my opinion, putting large-scale solar farms on arable land is the complete opposite of 'green.' I predict that my generation will not forgive those who went before us if you do not act now to save our precious countryside. I, therefore, ask you to reject this application.

Yours faithfully,
Tom Armstrong-Mortlock