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Subject: OBJECTION to Maggots End, Manuden - SOLAR FARM S62A/2022/0011

Dear Sir /Madam,

I would like to register my strong objection to the above referenced Solar Farm at Maggots End, Manuden for reasons, not all of which can be listed below.

The fate of the British countryside rests in your hands. Myself and my family implore you to be the guardians of this prime farmland for future generations, giving them fresh air, wildlife and food security.

The area surrounding Bishops Stortford has already been diminished by thousands of houses and buildings works, and now has to endure the noise, pollution and loss of green space, caused by the recently approved construction of the Wickham Hall solar farm. When will this end??

Solar panels should be placed on the half million acres of industrial roof space that is available and all new housing as far as possible, in spite of the additional expense. The government and local councils should either incentivise or legally require solar companies to proceed on brownfield sites, not ruin irreversibly our precious and ever diminishing countryside which supports local communities and wildlife.

Every prime farmland field that we lose means reduced food security, less fresh air, less green space which is proven to support human mental health as well as obviously local wildlife.

If solar panel farms were highly efficient and had a long lifespan, maybe this would be beneficial for the current and future generations, but solar panels are widely acknowledged to offer extremely low efficiency and only last for 30-40 years at most, leaving only a brownfield site thereafter.

Please listen to the local community and acknowledge the power of democracy.

This solar farm is not wanted, it's not efficient, it's far too big, and this area has endured enough building works for a generation.

Please don't take the easy, short termist option - please protect our countryside from eternal ruin.

Many thanks

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