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Dear Sir

**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 a solar farm comprising ground mounted solar arrays together with battery storage, inverter cabins, a substation, fencing and CCTV cameras on land between Maggots End, Manuden CM23 1BJ and Brick House End, Berden because of the huge amount of local opposition to this scheme – which Low Carbon have ignored.

The Planning Guidance on Renewables and Low Carbon Energy refers to a speech made by Greg Barker (then Minister for Energy and Climate Change) to the solar PV industry at the Large Scale Solar Conference. In that speech Mr Barker encouraged solar development. However, he also made the following comments:

"not at any cost... not in any place... not if it rides roughshod over the views of local communities.

As we take solar to the next level, we must be thoughtful, sensitive to public opinion, and mindful of the wider environmental and visual impacts".

BRE also issue "Community engagement good practice guidance for solar farms" in which they state that;

"It is very important to act on feedback gathered from stakeholder meetings and events and to follow up on engagement work. Some of the ways in which feedback can be addressed might include: ... not going ahead with the project"

Low Carbon note in their Consultation report that 155 responses to their questionnaire were received plus 74 responses via phone or email. 92% of those responses were negative about to the location of this development. How can Low Carbon now claim that they have "listened to the views expressed by the local community"? This development has no local support and should not go ahead.

Yours faithfully

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Date

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