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Subject: S62A/2022/0011 Planning Application - My Objection to Solar Farm on Land East of Pelham Substation, Maggots End Manuden.

Good Afternoon PINS,

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Barry Sullivan and I have lived at 14, St Nicholas Field, Berden, CM23 1AX for almost 40 years.

CONTEXT – PELHAM SPRING/LOW CARBON - PRIOR OBJECTIONS AND SUBMISSIONS - THEN

Can I please share with you some content that I have previously submitted regarding my objection to the above Planning Application made by Low Carbon/ Pelham Spring. These initially date from the first interaction with Low Carbon on August 8, 2021, when I submitted the attached content, posing several questions and objecting to the proposal, as well as objecting to their proposals. I followed up with them two weeks later, as their promised response had not materialised. 3 months later I tried again, all to no avail. I wonder if the lack of courtesy from Low Carbon a measure of is how much, they have considered and responded to the concerns of the people of Berden, Stocking Pelham and nearby, or perhaps it's how little.

Also attached is my objection dated 16th February 2022 to the Planning departments of Uttlesford and East Herts district councils.

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In some respects nothing much has changed. Low Carbon have re-submitted their application, albeit direct to PINS this time. I continue to be of the view that their proposal should not be approved, and object to it here.

However, whilst there remain for me obvious negatives in respect of this proposal (see below) there has been such a considerable increase in other proposals for development of further solar factories (I can't call it a farm I'm afraid) and battery units. There are currently three solar factories – namely Pelham Spring, Berden Hall Farm and Wickham Hall either in process or likely to be submitted, as well as two further proposed battery units at Greens Farm and Crabbs Green, in addition to the Statera unit already operating in the area.

Some of the obvious negatives for me with Low Carbon, can be read across all the other proposals that are real or emerging:

- The size of the development is simply too large.
- The site is not flat and is unsuitable for a solar factory.

- Walking and cycling for local residents will be adversely affected by this and these other proposals.
- The wildlife in the area will surely be materially affected.
- I question whether the local roads can handle one facility, let alone a further five.
- We should be using agricultural land to grow food crops, not as industrial units.
- Uttlesford as a district has already burdened their local residents with enough solar factory and battery units.
- 40 years is not "temporary" for me. That's two generations, people's entire working life.
- Any visual impact of this and the other developments cannot be satisfactorily mitigated.
- The noise associated with this, and the other developments would be massively intrusive. Let me try to explain.

There is currently one battery facility in place that Statera Energy operate. This has a very high level of night-time noise pollution associated with it. This permeates the night air every night. It's like somebody is leaving a diesel truck running at the bottom of your garden, all night. Now currently this is topping up batteries when demand for electricity is low during the night hours. It doesn't bear thinking about how much sound pollution there will be if the proposals for similar units at Greens Farm and Crabb's Green are approved, when they will be operating during the daytime hours, and I guess at night when the sun hasn't shone enough.

For me, as a single proposal Pelham Spring/Low Carbon's application - covered by S62A/2022/0011 - should not gain approval. Alongside the various other similar solar factory and battery unit proposals, it just blows the mind what it would do to the local environment and local people. It feels to be beyond my comprehension.

I will make a plea for this, and other proposals, to be rejected.

Yours Sincerely,
Barry Sullivan