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Dear Sir/Madam

OBJECTION to Pelham Spring Solar Farm Application No.S62A/2022/0011: Land East of Pelham
substation, Maggots End Manuden

The purpose of this letter is to register my objection to the application made by Low Carbon to
construct Pelham Spring Solar on the land outside Manuden (near Battles Farm, Maggots End CM23
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National Planning policy says that planning decisions should contribute to enhance the natural and
local environment by protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, sites of biodiversity or geological
value and soils. there is also a statement to the effect that significant development of agricultural
land is demonstrated to be necessary, areas of poorer quality land should be preferred to those of a
higher quality.

I do not accept that this development on high quality agricultural land is necessary. The Government
has committed to sufficient off-shore wind power to supply every home in the country by 2030. If
there is a case for solar power, panels should be installed on brownfield sites (including disused
airfields). Developers like Low Carbon should also explore options such as putting solar panels on
roof tops and in enclosed carparks (especially those adjacent to Stansted Airport. Uttlesford should
also insist that all new buildings feature solar panels.

Using greenfield land should be the last resort and, then only poor quality land should be used, and
not productive high quality farm land.

The current Global political unrest has laid bare our exposure to the dependence on imports of much
needed grain and other agricultural products. Most of these imported products could and should be
grown on our own productive farm land.

Yours faithfully

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