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Subject: Objection to Solar Farm on Land East of Pelham substation, Maggots End Manuden -  
Application number: S62A/2022/0011

I am writing to object to the application to construct a solar farm comprising ground mounted solar arrays together with (among other things) battery storage, inverter cabins, a substation, fencing and CCTV cameras on land near Pelham Substation Maggots End Road Manuden CM23 1BJ

My name is Ian Dallas, and I live at [REDACTED]

My home is 600 metres from the northern boundary of the site at its nearest point on Blaking's Lane. I have lived here for twenty years and frequently use the various footpaths that cross or border the site. Accordingly I am very familiar with the site and its nature and use in the local landscape.

The reasons for my objection are as follows:

This is good quality agricultural land (BMV) and should continue to be used for producing food. Food security is important. We also need renewable energy sources but there are plenty of alternatives to solar panels on farm land available and these have not been considered adequately.

There will be a detrimental impact on some important wildlife in the area. This includes Skylarks and Brown Hares, of which there are good populations on the site. They both require an open habitat and the proposed mitigations are completely inadequate. The supposed environmental net gains suggested in the proposals could be mainly achieved without this semi-industrial development under the government's ELMS proposals.

The impact on this historic largely open landscape with an ancient green lane and an area of important Ancient Semi Natural Woodland on its eastern boundary will be severe. The whole character and nature of the site will be irrevocably changed.

The narrow local roads with many sharp bends are not at all suitable for heavy construction traffic

A popular circular walk from home, begins with Blaking's Lane and later follows the path from Battles Hall to Brick House End. This would become barely usable. Walking through what would look something like the perimeter of a prison camp would be intolerable.

I do not think that this development should go ahead in any form as I do not believe that it would be possible to modify the proposals sufficiently to make them at all acceptable.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Dallas.