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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 Jenny Lucas, and I live at [REDACTED]

The reasons for my objection are as follows:

I often cycle along the single track lane between Manuden and Furneux Pelham (East End Lane). The views along this lane will be negatively impacted by the construction of huge numbers of solar panels and the associated infrastructure. Enjoyment of this and other valued recreational activities such as riding and walking will be badly affected. Furthermore, the local road network is not suitable for large construction vehicles. The roads in the area are narrow and the current level of HGV traffic is already causing damage to verges.

The land identified for development is high-quality agricultural land and should continue to be farmed in order to provide food for the nation. Taking this land out of agricultural use has not been justified by compelling evidence.

The proposed solar farm is effectively a large scale industrial development. The visual impact of this huge development cannot be satisfactorily mitigated and cannot possibly enhance the natural environment. The solar farm will completely change the character of Battles Wood. This is an ancient woodland and home to many wild animals including badgers and deer. Pump Spring is also an important woodland which will be completely surrounded by solar panels and other man made infrastructure.

**The proposed solar farm is inappropriate development in this unique rural area.**

Yours faithfully

Jenny Lucas