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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 Paul Lucas, and I live at [REDACTED]
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The reasons for my objection are as follows:

The proposed solar farm is inappropriate development in the countryside.

The land identified for development is high-quality agricultural land and its 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.

I often cycle along the single track lane between Manuden and Furneux Pelham (East End Lane). The lane is not heavily trafficked and cycling along it is a peaceful and solitary experience in the middle of the countryside. The views along this lane will be negatively impacted by the construction of huge numbers of solar panels and the associated infrastructure. Enjoyment of a valued recreational activity will be badly affected.

Furthermore, the local road network is not suitable for large construction vehicles. The roads are narrow and the current level of HGV traffic is already causing damage to verges.

Yours faithfully

Paul Lucas