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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

I am writing to object to the application made by Low Carbon to construct a solar farm on land between Maggots End Road Manuden CM23 1BJ and Brick House End in Berden because I do not accept that this proposed solar development is a sustainable solution.

The useful life of solar panels and farms installed today will be quite limited. In 10, 20 or 30 years' time, solar panel technology will have changed immensely and panels installed at Pelham Spring Solar Farm will be obsolete. In addition other solutions (e.g. wind, hydrogen, even small nuclear) will have progressed greatly.

Depending on that progress, Pelham Spring will become obsolete in the easily foreseeable future. What will happen at that time? Who will remove the panels, etc. so the land can be re-used for its proper purpose (feeding the nation).

The original developers will have disappeared (gone bust or stopped trading). The applicant is a newly formed limited company – its seems very unlikely that they have agreed to pay for the massive task of dismantling and removing the obsolete development. So, responsibility (i.e. the problem) will revert to Uttlesford Council, who will have to explain why they destroyed highly productive “green field land”.

Yours

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Date

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