

From: Jon Slade [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 August 2022 16:15
To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Berden Hall Farm (Pelham Solar)

Application number on S62A/22/0006 (and UTT/22/2046/PINS)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the proposal by Statera to construct a solar farm on 177 acres of land at Berden Hall Farm.

My name is Jon Slade, writing on behalf of myself, wife and [REDACTED] children.

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There is significant strength of feeling in the local community about this (and the many other proposals), and personally I have many reasons for objecting, and I list three below as follows:

1. This is a huge and disproportionate proposal. Uttlesford's policy ENV15 says that small scale renewable energy development schemes to meet local needs will be supported provided that they do not adversely affect (i) the character of sensitive landscapes; (ii) nature conservation interests; or (iii) residential and recreational amenity.

By any standard, this massive proposal will negatively affect all three criteria. A beautiful rural landscape will be forever changed, significant nature interests will be detrimentally impacted, and recreational amenity - walking, enjoying nature for residents of all ages - will be destroyed. A 177 acre development can never conform with Uttlesford's own criteria. The proposal fundamentally changes the landscape, and it does NOT contribute to the energy needs of residents.

2. I am a keen runner, and my family are keen walkers. We do not wish to walk through a solar farm, and multiple public rights of way bisect this vast proposed industrial development. My lifestyle will be significantly detrimentally altered. Please take into account the lifestyle we chose when moving to Berden, which is now under threat.

3. I see zero consideration of alternative sites that would not cause such significant and permanent damage, such as the side of motorways or rooftops or other existing industrial areas. This is prime - and needed - agricultural land, being sold off at a profit at the expense of local residents.

I strongly urge you to reject this proposal.

Kind regards,

Jon Slade