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Subject: Application ref Nr S62A/22/0006

Proposed development at Berden Hall Farm, Ginns Road, Berden

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.

Hereby I would like to strongly object against the proposed build of industrial Solar Factories on the Essex Hertfordshire border between the beautiful villages of Manuden, Furneux/Stocking Pelham and Berden.

These are beautiful villages surrounded by prime agricultural land, that we need to work to produce food, so we are not so dependent on the import of food, which helps reducing our carbon footprint.

There's also a lot of wildlife here like deer, hare, badgers, foxes, songbirds (also some birds that are threatened by distinction) and birds of prey, that would be in serious trouble, if this plan were to go ahead.

The roads over here, need a lot of maintenance, cause they aren't very good, nor very wide. In most cases you have to go in to a lay-by to let another car pass. Can you imagine what will happen to our villages, if there's all of the sudden loads of lorries during the whole day continuously going over these roads. Also very dangerous with the amount of people going walking here, who sometimes need to walk on them.

I'm guessing nobody would want to take the risk of lives being lost through this !

The thought of having Lithium batteries to store the energie in, I find very frightening, the firefighters now can't even put out a fire of an electric car, because of the battery, let alone batteries of this magnitude, the blast it would take, if the airconditioning around these batteries were to fault. Would we survive that ?

The three meter high fencing, CCTV, floodlights, it would destroy this beautiful historic landscape, and think of the sound pollution !

There's a lot of residential buildings going up in Bishops Stortford. Hundreds of them. Maybe even thousands, NOT ONE of them has Solar panels on their roofs.  
Why is that???

Also, if it's a government policy, to NOT use high quality farmland for Solar factories, Why is it being proposed here in this area? Alongside with the policy to recognize the value of the countryside. We are importing so much food from abroad, let's be self sufficient for as much as we can, I think we learned a lot about that during the lockdowns for COVID. And now even more with the very unstable situation we are currently living in with Russia I hope in future we can try to import a lot less,

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On top of that, the world is facing famine, and we are putting down solar "farms"

on great agricultural soil, while I think we should be learning from our neighbors. Me being Dutch, and like to follow the news there, have also heard on the news, that the dutch grid has asked the government to stop subsidizing solar panels, but start to subsidize people having a battery at home to store Electricity at home, so they can be independent , because :  
THE GRIT "SHUTS DOWN" THE SOLAR FARMS VERY REGULARLY, BECAUSE THEY CANT HANDLE THE AMOUNT OF POWER COMING TO THE GRIT.

So put the Solar Factories next to high/motorways where it does no damage to wildlife, and the population. Or/and on the roofs of industrial buildings in industrial areas (Even make that mandatory) Further on, I've learned that the economical profit of a Solarfarm/factory of the size of around a 180 acre is barely higher than that of ONE wind turbine.

While that will give you energy when you need it, like in winter.

Not a lot in the summer when you don't need it So I don't understand the rezoning to put solar factories in this area

I STRONGLY OBJECT AGAINST THE SOLAR FACTORIES IN THIS AREA !

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Met vriendelijke groet  
Kind regards  
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