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FOR THE ATTENTION OF: The Planning Inspectorate, Major casework Team,
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*CONSULTATION 62A/22/0006 – PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A GROUND MOUNTED
SOLAR FARM WITH A GENERATING CAPACITY OF UP TO 49.99MW, TOGETHER WITH
ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND LANDSCAPING IN BERDEN, ESSEX.*

Dear Sir or Madam

As a long standing resident of Berden I am writing to object to the above
named proposal for the following reasons listed below:

- Under no circumstances should we be using good quality agricultural land to house industrial solar units. The fields that are potentially to be covered in solar units is good quality, grade 1 to 2, growing land which this year has housed wheat crops which have now been harvested. With the current situation in Ukraine we need to produce as much of our own produce in this country as possible. Unfortunately, Statera are lying when they inform people that the land is used to house only crops for animal feed.
- The impact upon wildlife is going to be devastating. At the moment on my walks I see deer, hares, bats, birds both common and uncommon such as the yellow wagtail, stoats, weasels, hedgehogs. They all inhabit and breed on these fields. It is a well-known fact the both birds and bats think solar panels are water and fly down into them, which inevitably kills them.
- The close proximity of these units will affect Berden Hall, a grade 2 listed building and our grade 1 listed Berden Church. It is clearly stated in Government guidelines that these industrial units should not impact upon historic buildings.
- Statera lie. They are responsible for the battery unit presently situated by the grid station. When it was agreed they informed us, the residents, that it would be screened off. This has never happened and looks a

complete blight on the landscape. There are also noise issues with the unit which affect many properties in Stocking Pelham and Berden.

- How many brownfield sites have Statera explored?
- Who is going to benefit the most from this industrialisation?
- Who is going to get rich?
- As a planning inspectorate are you going to send someone to view the site?

Once again I reiterate the fact that I am totally opposed to the planning application proposed above.

With Regards

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