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Subject: Berden Hall Farm (Pelham Solar)

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

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 Heather Davis
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The reason for my objection is as follows:

This is a huge number of solar panels which will dominate the landscape and affect all who live alongside them, both human and wildlife. There are other applications in the pipeline which, if allowed to go ahead, will turn this beautiful part of England into an industrial site. And all on prime agricultural land at a time when the UK needs to expand its food production.

The installation will require large numbers of HGV lorries on a daily basis travelling on narrow and ancient lanes. Access from the A120 as proposed will mean that Little Hadham will again be subject to heavy traffic going through the village when they have only just been relieved of this problem with the opening of the new bypass. Local traffic will be seriously disrupted. Two vehicles cannot pass without one of them pulling to the side as it is. This will be dangerous to say the least. The exit route for these vehicles will be through populated villages which already have areas where extra caution is needed due to the proximity of houses to the road. Again - vehicles cannot pass each other without giving way.

There has been no engagement with local communities and there will be no benefit for us. Uttlesford has already agreed the installation of more solar panels than is needed to service this area. The only ones to benefit are the investors who live far away. As someone who moved here to live a life in the country after 38 years in London I find it difficult to accept the loss of this countryside for no good reason. The UK has committed to wind power and solar panels are no part of the plan to help with the energy crisis. If they were placed on roofs then I could see how this would help homeowners reduce their demand for power from the National Grid.

I am also concerned that there is a huge carbon footprint in the manufacture and transportation of solar panels and with the disposal of them at the end of their useful life. Also who is going to pay for the removal of the panels and what state will the land be in. I believe that the site will become a brownfield site which will not be restored to its former designation as prime agricultural land. This will not be a temporary change of land use but a permanent desecration. I also believe that the disposal of the panels, when the time comes, will poison and contaminate land fill sites. Leaching dangerous chemicals into the earth. The energy cannot be described as clean energy by any stretch of the imagination.

Heather Davis