

The Planning Inspectorate,
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Dear Sir/Madam

OBJECTION to Berden Hall Solar Farm
Section 62A Planning Application: S62A/22/0006 and UTT/22/2046/PINS (Uttlesford)

I am writing to object to the application to construct a solar farm comprising ground mounted solar arrays together with inverter cabins, a substation, fencing and CCTV cameras on land adjacent to Ginns Road, Berden on the grounds that the site is not flat and is not suitable for a solar farm.

In their Planning document Statera refer to the Planning Guidance in relation to Renewables and Low Carbon Energy. Paragraph 7 of this Guidance considers the criteria that should apply in relation to planning applications and notes that “local topography is an important factor in assessing whether ... large scale solar farms could have a damaging effect on landscape and recognise that the impact can be as great in predominately flat landscapes as in hilly or mountainous areas”.

There is a slope which rises up from Ginns Road to the top of site (which runs alongside footpath number 25). The OS Map shows the contours of the Northern boundary of the site adjacent to Ginns Road to be 112m above sea level. The top of the site is around 10m higher. As the panels are over 2.5m high, it follows that they will be completely visible to walker, cyclist, rider or road user as they travel along Ginns Road. It will be impossible to mitigate the significant visual impact of this industrial development by planting a hedge.

Yours faithfully

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Print Name

24/08/22

Date

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