

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 plus inverter cabins, a substation, fencing and CCTV cameras on land near Ginns Road, Berden on the grounds that people's enjoyment of the countryside will be negatively affected.

National Planning policy requires that planning decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside, and the wider benefits from natural capital and ecosystem services – including the economic and other benefits of the best and most versatile agricultural land, and of trees and woodland.

There are a number of local Public Rights of Ways within and immediately adjacent to the site including Footpath 26 which runs North to South and cuts across the middle of the solar panels. I believe that access to open countryside is particularly important these days – it makes a significant contribution to our mental well-being.

Walks in or around this industrial development will be ruined by the appearance of solar panels. I do not accept that the impact can be satisfactorily mitigated by planting hedges – particularly where there is no existing hedgerow.

Yours

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Print Name

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21st August 2022

Date

cc Laurence Ackrill, Planning Department, Uttlesford District Council, Council Offices, London Road,
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