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Subject: Berden Hall Solar Farm

Sir or Ms,

I object most strongly to the proposed development over 177 acres of prime farm land and footpaths at a time when food security should be at the foremost of any planning decision. The timing is appalling for objections - 5 September - given that both leadership candidates for the Conservative Party and therefore our new Prime Minister have effectively pledged to change the planning laws related to such developments with the burden of proof being much higher than heretofore or even leading to an outright ban.

My understanding is that there is no appeal to your decision as Uttlesford is in special measures.

Surely the most sensible thing therefore, is to postpone any decision pending clarification from the new Government team on the way forward for solar farms?

Otherwise, we could be left with a huge unwanted industrial development on prime farm land which would be there for at least 40 years and the law could be changed shortly after the decision which may, in effect, outlaw such developments.

Regards

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