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To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

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 Diana Walters

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The reason for my objection is as follows:

I wish to strongly object to the Berden Hall Solar Farm application by Stratera. There are many valid reasons why I believe that this solar farm should not go ahead, not least that fact that it does not comply with governmental planning application guidelines. The guidelines state that prime agricultural land should not be used for solar farms or should only be used where all other options have been considered. Statera have not demonstrated that the use of high quality agricultural land is necessary or that they have considered any other options. In the FAQ document published by Statera on their development website:

[REDACTED] the developer says the following: "Question: What other locations did you consider? Answer: None".

The majority of the land covered in this plan is Grade 2 or Grade 3a agricultural land which is "best and most versatile" agricultural land. It is too valuable for food production to be squandered and irrevocably destroyed by using it for this solar farm, which will be outdated and obsolete long before the 40 year approval is over. The land will never be able to be returned to farmland, it will be lost forever! This year it has been more clear, than ever before, that Britain needs to work to be more self-sufficient in food production, not less. It is predicted that we will need to produce 56 per cent more food by 2050, due to increasing populations. We have not increased food production by 56 per cent in the last 30 years, and if we continue to build on farmland we have no hope of achieving this, in the next 30 years either. This will lead to rising food prices and therefore further rise in cost of living, which is already at crisis point.

Thank you for taking the time to read my objections.

Kind regards
Diana