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Subject: Application number on S62A/22/0006 (and UTT/22/2046/PINS) Berden Hall Solar Farm

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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 John Donaldson

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I am writing to object to the application to construct a solar farm with adjacent constructions on land adjacent to Ginns Road. This is totally out of character in an area of natural countryside and will impose greatly on footpaths. These paths are used by a considerable number of parishioners of Berden and Stocking Pelham. Additionally, the panels are to be three meters high which will totally obscure the scenery and will be visible from miles away particularly from the Northeast.

The 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.

A further consideration is the possibility of flooding in Berden village. In recent times this has not occurred often but with 177 acres of glass the quantity of water that could run off the field when Field Capacity occurs could be a major problem an acre inch of rain is equivalent to 64000 gallons of water, multiply this by 177 acres and the amount of water is massive, as I don't think the field drains would be capable in dispersing this quantity.

I am also concerned that it is estimated the 20 lorries per day will be passing close to my house for six months whilst under construction, an unbearable problem for inhabitants of the villages of Little Hadham Albury, parts of Furneux Pelham and Stocking Pelham.

This is first class agricultural land and food production is a priority particularly so with climate change. Another concern this week is that the production of nitrogen fertilisers in the quantities required is unlikely to be produced thus reducing yields and therefore needing more acres to provide adequate supplies of food.

This application must be refused.

John Donaldson