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Sent: 02 September 2022 12:49
To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: Section 62A Planning Application : S62A/22/0006 Berden Hall Farm, Ginns Road, Berden.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write to object to the above application on behalf of Essex Area Ramblers.

Although the Ramblers are known for the walking element of its activities, it is equally involved in the walking environment and the protection of the countryside.

Much is said about the health benefits of walking, but these must include mental well being. Walking in open and unspoilt countryside can only improve and relax the mind, where as walking in an industrial landscape will not.

Moving footpaths to give the impression they are valued is not a solution, its why people chose to walk on these paths. It is because of the uplifting quality of the experience that is given. Covering this area with a vast solar farm will remove more than just a view. It may be easy to point out it will produce energy, but that can be done in other places without destroying the well-being of walkers and local people.

Essex Area Ramblers fully supports the position of the CPRE in that Solar Farms are not just encroaching on land but destroying areas of great beauty and removing good quality farm land from use. This is not the way to safeguard our future and that of our children.

Essex Area Rambler wishes to record its objection to this planning proposal.

Your faithfully

Alan Goffee Essex Area Rambler Footpath Secretary.