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Dear Mr Trevillian

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 together with inverter cabins, a substation, fencing and CCTV cameras on land near between Ginns Road, Berden and Brick House End in Berden on the grounds that the visual impact of this development cannot be satisfactorily mitigated

The land to the South of Ginns slopes upwards towards the woods. The drawings of the panels submitted show that they will be 2.5 metres high. It will be impossible to screen the development such that it is hidden from view. Statera's claim that "the proposed development will "have an acceptable impact on the site and surrounding landscape" is ridiculous.

The pictures submitted as part of the planning application were taken when there were still leaves on hedges and trees. These plants are deciduous – they will not provide effective screening in winter.

The RHS says that it will take between 20 and 50 years for hawthorn hedges to achieve their full height – this is more than half of the life of the solar farm. It is unrealistic to expect hedgerows to thrive where low quality plants are planted and then left. Young plants need to be watered in case of prolonged dry spells and/or heat waves, especially during the first years after planting.

Yours

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