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Subject: Berden Hall Farm (Pelham Solar)

Application number 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.

This proposal should not be seen in isolation; Stocking Pelham and its surrounds are potentially going to be besieged with solar panels and battery storage . Applications and planning proposals are in for similar developments at Wickham Hall, Berden, Crabbs Green, Battles Farm and others still awaiting decision . There is already a battery storage facility adjacent to the Grid that not even the Essex Fire Services knew about. This is industrialisation of the countryside, an inefficient way to capture energy, (only 11% efficiency) and of absolutely no benefit to local residents. This proposal will cause disruption, noise, congestion, obstruction, an eyesore, a loss of good quality farming land, destruction to ecosystems, wildlife and fauna . It is a health and safety threat, roads are unsuitable with up to 35 HGV movements going through slightly more than single track village roads, past a nursery school, causing noise , obstruction, will affect air quality, and poses a safety threat to parents, children and staff at the nursery. If other proposals are approved, there will be an increase x3 of HGVs plus workers' vans . It is a total abuse of the countryside, a total disregard for its residents and is of negligible use. Solar only works in sunlight, not night, not on dark winter days, not so efficiently on cloudy days, so is it worth losing so much for a comparatively poor return?

For these reasons I object to this application.

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