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Subject: Berden Hall Farm (Pelham Solar Farm) App No S62A/22/0006 (UTT/222046/PINS)

I am writing with regard to the application above which has now been submitted for approval.

I wish to lodge my objection to the proposal and make the following points.

Uttlesford Policy ENV15 says that small scale renewable energy developments schemes to meet local needs will be supported provided it can be demonstrated that they do not adversely effect

I)The character of sensitive landscapes. II)Nature conservation Interests or III)Residential and recreational amenities. One of these have been shown to have been met in the application.

Eddie Hughes MP, a minister at the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government confirmed in June 2021 that the statement made by Eric Pickles in 2015 are still applicable. Therefore, Uttlesford must consider whether the use of agricultural land, and this case high grade, has been shown to be necessary.

The location has been chosen for economy and cost saving rather than necessity, something which the representative of Statera admitted during the Berden Village Hall exhibition presentation earlier this year.

Given the very real problem the world let alone the UK faces in terms of farming and wheat production currently, it seems incredulous that the council should be considering an application to site the solar farm on yet more valuable farm land and if approved would take yet more land away from farm production.

I would therefore ask that you refuse this application.

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