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Subject: Berden Hall Farm (Pelham Solar)

Application number on 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, land NOT part of the listed building Berden Hall.

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The reason for my objection is as follows:

- 1. The size of the development simply too big!** • Uttlesford's Policy ENV15 says that small scale renewable energy development schemes to meet local needs will be supported providing it can be demonstrated that they do not adversely affect i) The character of sensitive landscapes; ii) Nature conservation interests; or iii) Residential and recreational amenity • This is not a "small scale" scheme. • The area covered by solar panels is even larger than the area which was contemplated at the time of the application to Uttlesford District Council for a Screening Opinion. • The land identified by Statera as the site for Berden Hall solar Farm extends to 177 acres of productive farm land. • The visual impact of such a huge solar farm would fundamentally change the character of the area. • The scheme will not contribute to the energy needs of local residents.
- 2. The site is not flat and is not suitable for a solar farm** • The majority of the site is sloping and it is not possible to "hide" the solar farm. • There is a significant slope which rises up from Ginns Road to the top of the site. The OS Map shows the contours of the Northern boundary of the site (parallel to Ginns Road) to be 111m above sea level. However, the top of the site is 125m above sea level i.e. around 12m higher. As the panels are over 3m high, it follows that the panels will be completely

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4. Farmland should be used for farming!

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- Statera suggest that the majority of the land on the site is Grade 2 or Grade 3a agricultural land which is “best and most versatile” agricultural land.
- This is productive farm land which should be used for farming.