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Subject: Berden Hall Farm (Pelham Solar) S62A/22/0006 (and UTT/22/2046/PINS)

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.

My name is Kim Dunn

I live at [REDACTED].

The reasons for my objection are as follows:

I consider that developing a solar farm on 177 acres of prime agricultural Grade 2 & 3A land is unacceptable when the UK should focus on becoming more self sufficient in food production. This is highlighted by Liz Truss's comments as DEFRA Minister when she stated that "English farmland is some of the best in the world and I want to see it dedicated to growing food and crops." I understand that Statera has not considered alternative sites to this development. Surely, the roofs of commercial buildings and warehouses should be considered before prime agricultural land.

Looking at the plan there will be 10 transformer units located within the development. These will emit noise in what is a peaceful rural environment, therefore impacting on the lives of those living nearby and those using the footpaths. I understand the construction will run for six months and there will be a significant increase of HGV traffic on narrow country lanes which are not designed for this type of heavy traffic flow. Therefore congestion and noise will effect the otherwise quiet environment and of our local communities not only during the construction phase but also the ongoing maintenance. This is exactly the same access route for that is proposed for the construction of a new battery storage plant at Green's Farm (East Herts DC3/21/0969/FUL) and a new battery storage plant at Crabb's Green (East Herts DC 3/22/0806/FUL).

With kind regards

Kim Dunn