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Subject: Objection to Berden Hall Solar Farm

Planning Application S62A/22/0006 and UTT/22/2046/PINS (Uttlesford)

I am writing to register my objection to the Planning Application to construct a solar farm comprising ground mounted solar arrays plus inverter cabins, a substation, fencing and CCTV cameras on land near Ginns Road, Berden because of the negative impact on this historic environment.

This is valuable agricultural land and should be used for the production of food, clearly demonstrated by the current situation due to the conflict in Ukraine . We cannot rely on food from abroad and must maximise our own food production for an ever growing population.

Government policy states, we have a growing need for precious agricultural land to be used for growing more food and should not be used for solar developments.

Liz Truss and Richi Sunak have both stated recently they are against the use of valuable farm land for solar factories.

Solar panels are not as efficient as wind turbines and as the government want enough wind farms to produce enough domestic electricity by 2030 solar panels will be a blight on the landscape for a further

30 years.

Solar panels are inefficient only producing a fraction of their generating capacity, some 10 - 12% and this diminishes over time.

One wind turbine would generate almost as much electricity as all the solar panels on this valuable farm land .

Lithium batteries are known to be dangerous. There have been over 35 BESS fires in the past 3 years, 5 in the last 18 months. A fire in 2020 took over 59 hours to extinguish.

There is an existing BESS site close to the proposed one with another close by which will mean the combined battery units is equivalent to 150 tonnes of high explosive, totally unacceptable.

Solar panels could easily be placed on the rooves of commercial buildings, warehouses or the likes of Stansted airport.

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