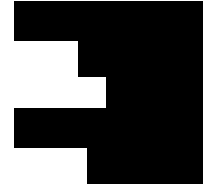


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**Sent:** 24 August 2022 22:55  
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**Subject:** S62A/22/0006 – Development of a solar farm at Berden Hall Farm



Your Ref.: s62A/22/006

Proposal: Development of a ground mounted solar farm with a generation capacity of up to 49.99MW, together with associated infrastructure and landscaping

Location: Land at Berden Hall Farm Dewes Green Road Berden

Dear Sir/Madam,

Although I live some miles from the proposed development, my family lives in the village of Berden and I spend much of my leisure time at weekends and in the evenings walking in the countryside there. I am writing to express my impassioned objection to the abovementioned proposed development.

Firstly, I object to the development because it will remove 70 hectares of high-quality agricultural land from food production at a time when our population is growing and we are acutely conscious of our dependence on global food supply chains which events such as the war in Ukraine have proven to be highly vulnerable.

Second, I object because of the impact on a local amenity: the many footpaths which run beside, or on, the proposed site. If the development goes ahead, Footpath 25 will run between solar panels and fencing to the west and east, and Footpath 26 will run along fencing and solar panels on all its western side and some of its eastern side. I visit Berden to use its footpaths because many of those in my local area are heavily affected by traffic noise and in constant use by cyclists; by contrast, those in Berden are peaceful, enjoy beautiful views, and are rich in birdlife and other wildlife. Their loss would be irreplaceable.

Third, I object because the size and location of the proposed development is completely inappropriate in an area of unspoiled countryside which offers views of historic listed buildings and scheduled monuments along with ancient hedgerows and gentle upland fields. Such a development would industrialise this landscape forever. I am not opposed to solar energy, far from it, but solar installations should be placed on commercial roofs, brownfield sites, new housing stock and retrofitted to existing housing, not used to carpet hitherto unspoiled swathes of countryside.

Yours faithfully,

Bill Armstrong