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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.

My name is Geraldine Phillips
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The reasons for my objection are as follows:

1. The loss of quality agricultural land at a time when it is imperative we secure our own food supplies is unacceptable. This land will never be returned to food production after 30 years of being covered with solar panels.
2. The potential fire risk to local residents and homes is unacceptable. A fire recently started in a local field and spread frighteningly fast. The area is not close to fire and rescue services and the water supply to extinguish fires is totally inadequate.
3. The scale of the proposed development would have the effect of completely swamping the area with unsightly solar panels.
4. The efficiency of solar panels in the UK climate is deplorable, at best 14% efficiency and often much less than that. There are more efficient ways of generating renewable energy - wind, particularly off shore wind.

In summary this scheme benefits a few farmers and a chain of companies for which Stratera is simply a "shop front". The financial benefits to them are significant while the desecration of the countryside for residents is tragic.

I urge the Planning Inspectorate to reject this application.

Geraldine Phillips
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