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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 Ian Dallas.

[REDACTED] and my house is approximately 400yards from the eastern boundary of the proposed development.

I have lived here for twenty years and frequently use the various footpaths that cross the site. Accordingly I am very familiar with the site and its nature and use in the local landscape.

The reasons for my objection are as follows:

I understand that this is high quality agricultural land which I believe is farmed efficiently while maintaining significant environmental benefits such as good field margins and hedgerows supporting substantial amounts of wildlife. This is how it should continue in use. With increasing geopolitical and climatic threats we need to keep farming all the good quality land we have.

Solar energy has its place but there are alternatives ( eg wind) and other less valuable potential solar sites are available elsewhere (eg brownfield and roof space). I have not seen any evidence that Stratera have considered alternatives at all.

An industrial development of this nature so close to the village is totally inappropriate for the area and its historic buildings and landscape. It will also not be possible to screen the development effectively within the projected 40 year lifespan of the project.

I do not believe that adequate consideration has been given to the issue of access to the site during the construction phase. The road from Albury through Stocking Pelham to the site is a single track lane with no proper passing places and right angled bends. It is totally unsuitable for HGVs or any significant volume of traffic. There are no good alternative routes either.

The network of footpaths, much used and valued by local people, will be rendered almost unusable because of the fenced in and screened nature of them. The key feature of this landscape is wide open views and skies - not narrow corridors giving tunnel vision.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Dallas