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Subject: 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 William Hampton

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The reason for my objection is as follows:

The proposed size of the Solar factory (177 Acres) represents a substantial loss of the best quality agricultural land. Given current world events, it is likely that every square foot of land will be required for food production, during the forty years projected life of the factory. At the end of this period, restoration of the land to crop production is likely to be problematic.

I regularly walk the footpaths that cross and surround the site and enjoy the wide range of plant, animal and bird life that can be observed. If this site is industrialised, the wildlife will be put in jeopardy. A serious loss of valuable amenity.

Stratera have not considered any other location that might be more suitable, such as factory roof tops, or the rooftops of the two thousand plus houses, built to the north of Bishop's Stortford in the last four years.

This application should not be considered in isolation from a number of other local applications for solar farms and battery storage units, spanning two local authorities. Our local authority (Uttlesford) is currently in special measures. This means insufficient consideration is likely to have been given, to the impact on the locality and region, from our local, democratically elected representatives. In the absence of the normal scrutiny of planning applications, local people have not been given sufficient opportunity to object to the plan.

This solar factory application is wholly inappropriate in a countryside setting.

William Hampton 23rd August 2022