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Dear Mr Trevillian

Objection to Berden Hall Solar Farm Section 62A Planning Application: S62A/22/006 and UTT/22/2046/PINS

It both shocks and surprises me that at this present moment in time I need to write to object to a planning application that involves decommissioning prime agricultural farm land. The energy and food policies our governments have pursued over the last 10 - 20 years have now been shown up for their inadequacy. Quite simply they were not fit for purpose. I believe both Conservative party leader hopefuls have acknowledged this and have expressed a determination to change course.

As an electrician I have some understanding of the supply and generation of electricity. PV panels on prime farmland are not the solution. I understand there is a plan moving forward to install mini nuclear generators in towns which sounds much more feasible.

I have long understood these solar farms pose a significant fire risk which if happened here would have huge consequences for the surrounding areas.

Should we need to pursue the path of renewable energy we would do much better concentrating on offshore wind turbines for which this country is more suited.

I strongly ask you to reject this application.

Yours sincerely

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