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**To:** Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Solar farm application on 177 acres of farmland near Berden, Essex.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am appalled to learn of the planning application for a solar farm on 177 acres of prime farmland near Berden in Essex.

This will be an eyesore visible for miles in a very beautiful area. Not only this but it will remove the availability of prime farmland at a time when it is clear that we need to become more self sufficient in food production, not less.

The batteries to store the electricity produced will be another blot on the landscape and will also represent a not inconsiderable fire risk which would be beyond the capability of local forces to deal with.

In an age where everywhere is becoming busier and busier with subsequent damage to many peoples mental health the countryside around Berden is a vitally important release for many people, me included. I regularly cycle these lovely quiet peaceful country lanes and have long celebrated the relatively unchanged nature of the countryside in this area. It would be a travesty to allow this development.

The process of building the solar farm will bring many large vehicles onto country lanes completely unsuitable for large vehicles creating a dangerous environment for cyclists, walkers and anyone who enjoys this open countryside.

No doubt I will be criticised for my not in my back yard views but it is high time that someone in authority took some notice of and gave some precedence to local people. Those of us that live in quiet areas chose those areas because they were quiet. If we had wanted to live somewhere busy and noisy we would have lived somewhere else.

I moved into this area almost 50 years ago at a time when Stansted Airport was much smaller than it is now. At the time it had been stated that Stansted would not become London's 3rd airport. The airport has expanded more than I ever dreamt possible. We really do not need outlying areas that allow some escape to be ruined by this development.

Regards

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