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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 Andrew Nelson. ]  
I live at [REDACTED] ].

The reasons for my objection are as follows:

1. This proposal would site a so-called "Solar Farm" (actually a huge industrial development) on a large acreage of good quality arable farmland, thus depriving the country of many tonnes of wheat or other arable crops each year for a suggested period of 40 years. At a time when food security is already at risk, this cannot be a sensible option.
2. The proposed development would be a serious intrusion into open countryside, which is contrary to UDC's Planning objectives.
3. Stratera are on record as confirming that they have not considered any alternative sites for this development, which I understand they are required to do. There are many more suitable (though perhaps less convenient or profitable for the developer) sites within the Uttlesford area which would have less impact on local amenities, traffic movement, noise intrusion, and loss of open footpath access.
4. This site is surrounded by areas where Planning Applications for similar developments are already in the pipeline. If this Application is granted, it would seem that there would be no good reason to turn down other pending Applications, which would ultimately result in this part of Essex and East Herts becoming smothered in a sea of Solar panels.

I would therefore urge the Planning Inspectorate to consider very carefully the strong local opposition to this proposal, and to reject it.

With many thanks,

Sincerely,

Andrew Nelson