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Subject: Objection to S62A/22/0006 (and UTT/22/2046/PINS)

To who it may concern,

I wish to OBJECT to the above application for an industrial solar farm at Berden Hall Farm, Ginns Rd, Berden.

From Neighbour,
Catherine Featherstone

Reasons :

This is a pretty and rural part of countryside and we regularly use the public rights of way over the land and enjoy walking, running and riding over it. I note the paths will be moved and completely fenced in which completely ruins the freedom which we currently have.

177 acres is a massive development

The visual impact will be enormous and any screening will take so long to grow to be of any use at all. The scheme will not in any way enhance the biodiversity of the area , the fencing restricts movement of animals .

This is not the only scheme planned in and around our historic village and the reason the developers are trying to get this scheme in this location is purely for financial reasons of connecting to the national grid cheaply which does not justify putting it here in the proposed location. These developments should be positioned on brownfield sites , on top of large buildings or near major roads and not in lovely rural locations such as this.

The time frame is given as 40 years and then it will return to farmland - what are the chances of this happening ? 40 years is a long time - it is quite likely that the solar panels themselves will be outdated in 10 years and maybe rendered redundant and need changing or could become abandoned if financial pressures don't allow removal . Who guarantees the area is cleared within this period of time?

We keep horses and ride down Ginns Road every day with sometimes 4 horses - the prospect of this massive development in our village would make this very dangerous with an enormous amount of extra traffic .

The construction traffic plan in the application assumes there will be 350 lorries to deliver the scheme - I think this figure is underestimated looking at similar schemes which seem to have nearer 500 one way artic lorries IMPORTANTLY THOUGH THIS MEANS AT THEIR FIGURES 700 ARTIC LORRIES PASSING THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND DOWN (IN PLACES)THE SINGLE TRACK ROAD TO LITTLE HADHAM ONTOP OF CRANES AND VANS AND CARS

Also at the supposed end of the 40 year term all this has to come out again - another 700 lorries and associated vehicles.

I cannot understand how in any way this development can be seen as green, helping the environment in any way when you take into account the huge nature of the construction, vehicle pollution and wastage of materials.

This type of development does not belong in the beautiful surrounding countryside of our village and most worryingly the various developers are trying to obtain permission on multiple sites around us which will completely blight our village and countryside along with all the associated batteries and industrial ugly white containers.

In our village of Stocking Pelham it is nearly impossible to build any new small house etc as it is a protected village so WHY could it be at all acceptable to completely blight 177 acres right next door to us ?? It is absolutely horrific.

Catherine Featherstone