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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 Lloyd Tunnicliffe
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The reasons for my objection is as follows:

The area in question is prime agricultural land - classified as Best and Most Versatile (BMV). Turning this into an industrial development and taking valuable farming land out of production is, at a time of serious concerns for food security, wrong.

The use of proven high quality agricultural land, rated as BMV, for the development of a solar farm, an inefficient source of renewable energy, is simply the wrong option. More reliable and efficient methods of producing renewable energy (offshore wind farms) are available.

As well as offshore wind as a source of energy, solar panels can be an option but they can and should go on commercial roof space not agricultural land. There are 600,000 acres of South facing commercial roof space in the UK which can be utilised. This is without the addition of brownfield sites. There is simply no need to take out valuable agricultural land to develop solar power.

The area in question is largely rural served by country lanes and roads and cannot withstand the type and volume of traffic associated with a development of this scale.

The proposal is likely to run counter to government policy - leadership contender for Prime Minister Liz Truss has declared that she is totally against solar farms on farmland.

Regards

Lloyd Tunnicliffe