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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 [Mr John Hill]
I live at [REDACTED].

The reason for my objection is as follows:

1. There has been no consultation with local residents. The exhibition was poorly presented and the participants there to explain were not equipped to do so. Neither myself or my Wife received notification that the "consultation" was even taking place, many other residents were also left out of any communication about the presentation.
2. The government has repeatedly stated that they do not support Solar Farms and that wind farms (especially coastal) should be the way forward, on the basis of this alone this project should not be approved. We need to take note of other Countries, in Holland they have solar panels along the motorway routes where they are not impacting on farm land, with our motorway network we have many miles which could be used in this manner.
3. The project will create major road disintegration, the roads in this area already suffer because of the existing traffic, they are not designed to carry heavy vehicles and the impact on the villages narrow roads, will be catastrophic.
4. Paragraph 155 of the National Planning Policy Framework is clear that adverse impacts of solar farms MUST be addressed satisfactorily and visual impacts of the proposed development must be given due consideration. This was not the case with the battery storage facility (built by Statera) it is hugely visible and inadequately screened, despite assurances given. The solar farm will only add to the existing poor outlook and will industrialise the area.
5. The land to be used is prime farmland which in the present climate we should all be trying to utilise to grow food. Uttlesford Policy ENV5 states that compelling evidence is required to show that other opportunities have clearly been considered by the developer and when questioned "what other locations did you consider" the answer "None" .

I strongly urge that in view of the many objections Uttlesford District Council and The Planning Inspectorate will refuse this application for development.