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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 Peter Hofer
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The reason for my objection is as follows:

With the burgeoning population there is no justification for using up prime agricultural land for this purpose, when wind farms are far more effective in this country. I agree we need renewable energy but we also need to protect our ability to produce our own food, and this development will destroy the quality of the land permanently. It is hardly a temporary installation. There must surely be some government policy or legislation to protect prime agricultural land to prevent farmers selling it off for alternative purposes etc, and this application must conflict with that?

I understand Statera have not considered using roof tops. The Building Research Establishment announced in 2016 there were around half a million acres of rooftops facing in the right direction for solar panels. Why haven't these been considered? Especially when there are thousands of new houses being built a few miles away. It is no longer credible to argue that solar panels on industrial roofs can't be used because they are too heavy. Thinner and lighter solar Panels have now been invented so we don't need these solar farms taking up agricultural land.

This is the wrong location for this development.

Peter Hofer