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Sent: 09 February 2023 09:25
To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: 62A/22/0006 Berden Hall Solar Farm, Ginns Road, Berden CM23 1AY

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to object to the above application for a Solar Farm.

I believe this development would be detrimental to wildlife and in particular to the Skylark population that is established at this location.

Skylarks are a Red list species in steep decline and need to be protected. As a keen amateur ornithologist I am aware of how easily these birds can be lost from the environment.

I do not believe that the mitigation strategy submitted by the developer is an adequate or effective strategy for these birds.

The government policy AB4 Skylark plots is designed to reward farmers for providing unsown plots in winter cereal fields. It is not a policy designed for the relocation of skylarks and is not applicable to this situation.

There is a government commitment to the environment that needs to play out in practice in situations like these.

Yours faithfully

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