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**To:** Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Objection to Solar Farm 62A/22/0006 - Berden Hall Solar Farm, Ginns Road, Berden

Dear Planning Inspectorate

I wish to lodge my objection to the above planning application to convert beautiful countryside to a very large solar farm on the grounds that it will destroy the nesting habitat for skylarks which are classified as red listed since 2021.

The site has been home to skylarks for the last 30 years and nesting has been recorded since 1994. If you allow this area to be covered in solar panels the skylarks will no longer be able to nest in their natural areas and will be driven away which will be furthering their decline.

The first skylark mitigation plan by the developers was rejected which showed how little they understand the plight of our wildlife. The second mitigation plan by the developers only allows for 28 plots in total and are too far away from their nesting grounds. The research suggests that there should be 200 plots per square kilometre.

Just this week 8-10 skylarks were seen in this area along with yellow hammers in hedges that have been there since 1860.

I hope you will consider rejecting this planning application as once you agree to one solar farm you will have no option but to agree to more developments. Imagine the beautiful walks in the countryside which will end up along tracks next to solar panels.

Regards

Mrs Diana Cope

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