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Subject: S62a/22/006 Ginns Road Berden

Dear Sir/Madame

I am objecting to the planning applications for a solar farm at Ginns Road Berden.

My reasons are as follows:

The company involved gave a local presentation where they gave the only reason for the location of the solar farm as the low cost owing to the proximity of the local Electricity sub station. The yield on the project would be higher for their investors.

I would argue that this higher yield for investors is outweighed by the cost to the local inhabitants, and the general population.

The site is used for walking , as it is very near the Village of Berden and has local footpaths. It is located on small roads that are unsuitable for the construction process. The local fire brigade has indicated that they would be unable to quench any fire from the batteries that store electricity from this solar farm, and the location of these is a real concern as they hum and moan which will be heard by local residence.

We know the company will just scrape off the top soil under the panels to keep maintenance to a mimimum so the benefit to the environment is non existent.

However the most important factor is that this is grade two agricultural land that should be farmed for food. However attractive the rent for the land is to the Owner ,he has been paid by the taxpayer over the years to produce food. He should continue to do this in my opinion. Solar panels can be placed anywhere. Grade 2 land is precious , cannot be relocated and should be used for producing food.

Best Regards

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