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To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: Land at Berden Hall Farm Dewes Green Road Berden, and reference number S62A/22/0006.

I write to object to this proposal simply from an agricultural viewpoint. For over 50 years I worked as an agronomist in Herts, Essex and Cambridgeshire and lived in Stocking Pelham for that same time. This is top quality land and soil and has been farmed at an exceptional level producing high yields of wheat barley, beans and oil seed rape.

In these times of climate change it is imperative that land is used for food production. Crop yields are not increasing as quickly as in the past 40 years, and this is concerning particularly with hotter summers and sporadic rainfall.

We totally appreciate the need for solar energy but it's a trade off food production and energy. Please look to put solar panels on lower yielding potential sites and maintain top quality soils for food.

I have not included any other points which have been put forward but totally support the objection from Protect the Pelhams.

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