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Subject: Land at Berden Hall Farm Dewes Green Road Berden. Ref: S62A/22/0006.

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Dear Sir or Madam.

My name is William Hampton, address: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I have resided at this address since 1986.

I wish to object to the proposal to build a 177 acre solar "farm" on land between the villages of Berden and Stocking Pelham, in the strongest terms.

My reasons are as follows:

The proposed development, if allowed, will destroy the amenity of a large area of open countryside and have a negative impact on the visual appeal of a number of public footpaths and the Nature Reserve.

72% of the site is classified as Best and Most Versatile land, this will be totally lost to food production for at least 40 years. In addition without an up-front fully funded covenant, to remove all traces of the development and restore loss of soil and fertility, the site may be lost to food production for a great deal longer.

The developers, Stratera, do not appear to have examined any other potential sites for this large scale industrial development on land used for food production. Solar panels are well suited to small scale roof top installations on existing industrial or residential buildings. The electricity produced can be utilised at the point of production minimising transmission losses, whilst preserving the dwindling area of countryside.

Kind regards

William Hampton