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Sent: 08 January 2024 10:40
To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: Land at Berden Hall Farm Dewes Green Road Berden S62A/22/0006

Dear Sir

I am writing to raise my objections to the proposed development referenced above.

These objections include the following:

The proposed development would take 177 acres of farmland out of food production for at least 40 years - 72% of the proposal Site is Best and Most Versatile (BMV) land

The proposal is for alien, large-scale, industrial-style development in an area of open countryside where there has been no equivalent development to date. The development would cause harm to The Crump ringwork, a scheduled ancient monument, St Nicholas Church Berden, a Grade I listed building and Berden Hall, a Grade II* listed building

Consistency in planning decisions is important, and the refusal by the Planning Inspectorate to grant permission for Pelham Spring Solar Farm (PSSF), in close proximity to the Berden Hall Solar Farm site, is therefore a highly material consideration. The Planning Inspector, Mr Callum Parker, argued that PSSF would erode the agricultural landscape and constitute industrial infrastructure that would be present for c. 40 years, which is not temporary. The scheme would fail to preserve the setting of the listed buildings and other heritage assets, including the Crump scheduled ancient monument. Clearly, many of the factors which led to the refusal of Pelham Spring Solar Farm are also relevant to Berden Hall Solar Farm

In essence this development is purely driven by the developers profit and loss without regard to the serious detrimental impact it has on the area

regards

David Thomson