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Subject: Objection ref S62A/22/0006 - Land at Berden Hall Farm

Dear Sir/Madam

Ref: S62A/22/0006 - Land at Berden Hall Farm, Dewes Green Road, Berden

I am writing to object to the latest proposed development of land at at Berden Hall Farm. I am incredibly unhappy that once again developers are choosing to take farmland out of food production at a time when the world is suffering from wars and climate change which are affecting our access to food. We therefore need to grow our own food here in this country, so taking 177 acres of farmland out of food production for at least 40 years is ridiculous at this time, particularly as 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. By developing this land your ruining the reason why people move to the countryside. This will be an eyesore and will affect the local wildlife and could cause more problems for climate change and danger to wildlife than using it to grow food.

Recent planning decisions highlight the importance of a proper site selection exercise to identify poorest land. The Applicant, Statera, did not perform such an exercise when selecting the proposal site for a large-scale industrial-style development on land currently used for food production, which is contrary to ENV5 of the LP. They have therefore failed to produce "compelling evidence" to justify the selection of the Site

Surely 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.

I would urge you to deny this latest application please for the sake of the community and wildlife.

Yours faithfully,

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