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Subject: Objection to a Solar farm on Land at Berden Hall Farm Dewes Green Road, Berden. Ref: S62A/22/0006

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to object to the proposal to build a solar farm near Berden Hall (S62A/22/0006). I am aware that the decision approving the application was quashed in March 2023 and I wanted to detail just a few of the many objections I have to this application to assist the new inspector in assessing the proposal.

In the light of potential food shortages, which we are being warned about, it is not appropriate to take 177 acres of “best and most versatile” land out of food production.

We surely need to maximise our food production to decrease the amount of food which is imported from abroad (which increases our carbon footprint). If the intention is to move toward net zero, importing food achieves exactly the opposite effect. 40 years does NOT constitute a “temporary” development and the majority of residents will not see the removal of this eyesore in their beautiful, rural village.

I live opposite the proposed site for the development and it would impact negatively on the rural countryside. There are a number of footpaths which are used for recreation and by many for walking their dogs, which will be ruined by the wire mesh fences and CCTV cameras which will form part of the development. It is entirely NOT in keeping with the surrounding area and should be refused on this account and many others.

We have already ascertained that Statera has not investigated any alternative sites for this development, which contravenes the government’s own planning framework and policy.

In conclusion, the proposed site for an industrial development is totally inappropriate and would ruin an area of natural beauty, as well as reducing food production. Other brown field sites should be considered and this application should be refused without hesitation.

Yours sincerely,

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