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Subject: Land at Berden Hall Farm, Dewes Green Road, Berden RefS62A/22/0006

I write to protest against the application for the following reasons:

1. The proposal would see 177 acres of farmland of which almost three quarters is classified as Best and Most Versatile land taken out of production for 40 years - the war in Ukraine has clearly served to emphasise the need for domestic food security. This land, to the best of my knowledge, has been constantly farmed since we moved into Berden some 29 years ago - approval would therefore take 133 acres of very productive BMV land out of production for the next 40 years!!!
2. Statera have clearly not researched more suitable brownfield sites as required under Powering Up Britain guidelines pinning their hopes on the proximity to the Pelham sub station - clearly not a cogent argument if offshore wind turbines can be connected effectively from 50 miles out in the North Sea!
3. The hugely important heritage argument with its attendant harm must hold sway against a large scale industrial development in an area of open countryside which heretofore has been untouched by such developments.
4. Statera have been so slipshod over the period with successive poorly argued proposals that one has to wonder how efficient the installation and subsequent operation of the industrial development would be (god forbid) if planning was granted. The only area where they have excelled, is in submitting proposals once again over a holiday period giving residents precious little time to respond.
5. Finally, the Pelham Spring Solar Farm proposal was rejected on exactly the sort of grounds which pertain to this development. From a consistency standpoint, surely therefore there can be no logical argument for approval to be granted in this case.

Yours

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