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Dear Mr Hirst

I am resident on Denby Grange Lane which, as you are aware abuts the proposed solar farm being put to Kirklees in Application Reference 2021/62/93644/E by Boom Power.

I have discussed the application with the nine other households that lay within Denby Grange Lane sharing the postcode WF4 4BE. I am able to report that there is no support for this scheme neither have Boom either directly or indirectly through their media company Ardvark engaged in meaningful discussion.

I write to direct Kirklees to **HMG Department for Communities and Local Government Planning Practice Guidance for Renewable and Low Carbon Energy** and in particular the wording extracted from the same namely: *Local planning authorities are responsible for renewable and low carbon energy development of 50 megawatts or less installed capacity (under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990). Renewable and low carbon development over 50 megawatts capacity will be considered by the Secretary of State for Energy, under the Planning Act 2008, and the local planning authority will be a statutory consultee. Microgeneration is often permitted development and may not require an application for planning permission.*

I draw your attention to the wording 50 megawatts or less installed capacity. It is clear from the submitted application that Boom present a scheme with an installed capacity of 66.484MW. It appears that Boom Power are asking Kirklees to determine an application based on a Total AC output of 49.95MW. They are wrong in doing this and PPG must be adhered to and it is the

responsibility of Kirklees to adhere to their responsibilities as set out in Planning Practice Guidance ('PPG'). There is an important distinction between installed capacity and AC Output which is reflected in the size, scale and impact of the designed scheme and has a direct and detrimental effect on those neighbouring the scheme which PPG is designed to protect.

The current generating capacity of solar panels is up to 3 acres per MegaWatt (MW). This concurs with the application that Boom have submitted being 186.1 acres for 66.484MW meaning 2.79 acres per MW. Therefore a scheme with an installed capacity of 49.95MW requires 140 acres of developed area. Boom seek permission for a site area of 186.1 acres. It therefore follows that Boom must be directed by Kirklees to withdraw their application. If they resubmit a scheme with a smaller site area/footprint releasing up to 46 acres it will allow them to remove from the current application the land to the west on their plan which abuts the residential properties on at Denby Grange being serviced by Denby Grange Lane.

Boom's approach is to restrict the output to 49.94MW. This contravenes Planning Practice Guidance ('PPG') presumably being justified by Boom in allowing up to 50MW of production in less than ideal sunlight. With respect that is wrong in relation to PPG which is designed to protect the general public from large scale development and reference to installed capacity is the determining measure.

Please confirm that Kirklees will advise Boom Power that the scheme as presented falls outside of the remit of Kirklees to determine. They should withdraw and represent a reduced scheme if they want the scheme determined by Kirklees and I hope that Kirklees will encourage Boom to engage with the local residents in any redesign

Kind Regards