

Re: Planning Application 2021/93644. Solar Farm Flockton

Dear Sir,

I write in objection to this application.

Despite the rhetoric and hype given to solar energy, it is neither particularly efficient or particularly 'green'. The panels require destruction to the environment for their components, a large amount of energy in their construction and present a real problem in their ultimate re-cycling.

Solar panels have a place in energy production but that place is on the roofs of those buildings that will use the limited amount of power they produce. As Kirklees has 'acres' of such roofs there is no need to destroy precious greenbelt to provide more, especially arable greenbelt, that provides locally grown food.

Greenbelts were established to prevent urban and industrial sprawl, it was recognised long ago that this sprawl needed to be curbed to prevent the loss of environment and green space around our towns. This development will destroy a beautiful and precious part of Kirklees greenbelt, it will hardly, if at all, in this format, benefit Kirklees residents, but will almost certainly 'line the pockets' of some investor(s) who will care little or even know about Kirklees.

The only really 'green' part of this application is the site it seeks to destroy.

I hear today that new, more efficient forms of 'green' energy, are being developed. It would be better to wait for these than destroy forever our greenbelt.