

ADDENDUM

Application No:	22/02106/FUL	Author	Rebecca Andison
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Target decision date:	22 February 2023	☎:	0191 643 6321
		Ward:	Valley

Application type: full planning application

Location: Land to the East of Backworth Lane Backworth NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

Proposal: Change of use of land and construction of solar PV panels (up to 28 MW), associated electrical infrastructure, operational buildings, substations, lattice tower, security fencing, CCTV, access tracks, landscaping and other ancillary works (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

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RECOMMENDATION: Application Permitted

1.0 Representations

1.1 1no. additional objection has been received. The concerns raised are summarised below.

- Affect character of conservation area.
 - Impact on landscape.
 - Inappropriate design.
 - Inappropriate materials.
 - Loss of visual amenity.
 - Not in accordance with development plan.
 - Out of keeping with surroundings.
 - Poor traffic/pedestrian safety.
 - Poor/unsuitable vehicular access.
 - Precedent will be set.
 - Will result in visual intrusion.
 - Within greenbelt/no special circumstance.
 - Does not safeguard the protected rights of the green belt as outlined in the Local Plan.
 - Does not maintain the character of or help the regeneration of Backworth and Seghill.
- A review of Greenbelt policy should be necessary to determine the

development need for the solar farm.

- Scale of development.
- Size and height of the PV panels.
- Would dominate the skyline.
- Impact on the character of and views from Backworth Conservation Area.
- The fencing would impact on the openness of the greenbelt.
- Could set a precedent for further changes to the Greenbelt.
- No evidence of need for the development.
- Impact on the openness of the countryside.
- The suitability of Fisher Road for access and the need for improvements to waggonways should be considered.
- Additional landscape maintenance, biodiversity and noise monitoring, reduced cost electricity to the local utility company/schools and the provision of rooftop solar panels to the community should be considered.