

As chair of the Parish Council, I briefly want to speak to support the rejection of this appeal on behalf of the very large majority of residents (93% of 189 respondents) who voiced their view against this project at the time it was proposed

Whilst our neighbourhood plan acknowledges the need for development of clean energies in appropriate situations, this development is inappropriate

The proposed solar farm will not supply 44 Gw. of energy.

UK solar farms currently achieve approximately 10 percent of their projected capacity. Thus, this project might produce 4-5 Gw., a very minor contribution to the overall required production of green energy, at enormous detriment to the amenity, landscape and heritage in an inappropriate site in the heart of our village, and contrary to BEN 3 BEN 7 and BEN 11 of our neighbourhood plan.

This application was rightly turned down by Babergh' planning committee and the Parish Council unanimously supports the rejection of this appeal.