

Proposed Installation of a solar array, substation and associated works forming an extension to Blythe Solar Farm (ref: SMD/2022/0160) on Land at Blythe House Farm, south of the A50, Draycott in the Moors, ST10 4JN

The proposed development will impact on the local economy in terms of jobs and purchasing of supplies and services. In order to assess the economic impact of this development, we have relied upon the data supplied by the applicant and used the Council's approved multipliers to prepare these comments.

The current use of the proposal site is agricultural. The application states that the state does not currently support any part time or full time employment

The applicant states that the proposal will create one FTE, this is not clear if this is additional to the original application SMD/2022/0160

Between 4.5 and 9% of employees overall household spend is spent within 2-3 miles of their place of employment. Based on the creation of one full time employment role in the Staffordshire Moorlands this has been assessed as £1394 uplift per annum for local shops and traders. Additionally the council would benefit from an increase in NNDR from the scheme.

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