

List of Appeal Decisions from 11/08/2015 to 04/09/2015

Application No.	Description	Location	Officer Recommendation	Committee or Delegated	Decision	Appeal Type	Inspector Decision
14/01501/MFUL	Installation of a ground-mounted photovoltaic solar farm to generate 4.45MW of power (site area 8.08ha) with access track, fencing, 3 inverter/transformer cabins and substation (APPEAL DISMISSED 28.08.15)	Land and Building at NGR 295155 101916 Stumpy Cross Silverton Devon	Refuse permission	Delegated	Refuse permission	Written Representations	Appeal Dismissed

Summary of Inspector's Comments

The application was refused on the use of best and most versatile agricultural land. The appeal Inspector commented that considerable weight should be given to the benefits of the appeal scheme and it would not result in a significant loss of BMV agricultural land or harm agricultural industry - this weighs in favour of approval and the Inspector considered there was compelling evidence for the use of BMV land. However, he found there was harm to the character and appearance of the area and harm to the settings of important designated heritage assets. He considered that notwithstanding the temporary nature of the development, when all matters are weighed together, the balance tips against approval. The proposal would conflict with policy DM5 and would not amount to sustainable development. Even if there is the most compelling evidence for a solar farm on this BMV land, this would not outweigh the harm identified or negate the special regard that must be given to the desirability of preserving the settings of listed buildings.