

Why this site

International and national policy has changed significantly since 2015, when the Conference of Parties (CoP) led to a new international climate agreement, the Paris Agreement, being agreed in order to tackle climate change and achieve Net- Zero.

The Government has set a binding target of achieving Net Zero by 2050, with an aim to source 95% of our energy from low carbon technologies by 2030.

Wyre Borough Council have stated that ***'Climate change is causing devastating impacts across the globe. As a coastal borough, Wyre is particularly at risk of sea level rise and flooding. It is crucial that we all do our bit to reverse these changes, and reduce our impact on the environment.'*** The Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and recently produced the cross party 'Climate Change Strategy and Action Plans 2024 - 2035' which outline how Wyre BC plans to tackle climate change and reduce emissions. The proposed development would assist the Council in achieving their goals.

Other location-specific factors which make this site a suitable include:

- Located on moderate quality agricultural land (Grade 3 Agricultural Land Classification), with the existing grazing use to continue in tandem with solar.
- Opportunities for extensive landscape and ecological enhancement measures, including hedgerow improvements, tree planting and wildflower areas, allows for a significant Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG).
- The settings of local heritage assets would not be compromised.
- The site is relatively flat, which assists in minimising wider landscape impact.

