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Application Reference No. : SMD/2021/0382 Site Address: Land at Greenfields Thorney Edge Road Bagnall Staffordshire ST9 9LA Stoke On Trent Comments by: Ian PodmoreRownall freehold resident of 40 years

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Submission: Objection

Comments: Yet another speculative planning application following a similar current application reference (SMD/2021/0352) and a recent concerted campaign by ¿energy specialists¿ to persuade local land owners neighbouring the National Grid site to enter into a potentially significant money making venture with the prospect once approved to apply for the installation of a very large solar panel farm on the remaining landowners acreage.

My specific objections against this application are;

1. Is this application supported by the National Grid? What is their involvement or is it assumed they will participate?
2. It appears that the landowners believe this facility will considerably ease approval of a future solar panel farm feeding into then an existing battery storage? Would we want Rownall to be just a huge mega sized solar panel development?
3. There is already significant nuisance to local residents from the National Grid transformer station. When switching from one bank of transformers to another a very loud bang is heard associated with electrical discharge which is often accompanied with a micro second power cut which cancels all time clocks, alarms etc in my home, very annoying and the frequency of this activity is many times a month!!
4. Such storage with inverters and battery cooling fans etc can only lead to more electrical and internet interference and what is the human impact of an increase electro magnetic generation in the area?
5. The ordinance survey maps used to support this application are long out of date! For example reference is made to the listed property Rownall Hall which was demolished in the mid 1960¿s and my property Rownall Ridge built on the site in 1968! The point I make is that now there are very many more dwellings now in the immediate proximity mainly Barn conversions which are likely to be affected!
6. The land is not ¿poor¿ or likely to be designated grade 4, look at the huge field of beautiful Barley currently growing along Rownall Road side at Rownall Farm!
7. Let¿s not forget this is not just Green Belt land, this is green belt land already designation of outstanding beauty!
8. In conclusion please consider this application in conjunction with application SMD/2021/0352 and any others in the greater overall plan for the area which must involve a statement of intent from the National Grid including any third party association in solar panel initiatives

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