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Comments: This is yet another speculative application for Battery Storage capacity adjacent to the National Grid transformer station at Rownall. There has to be surely some coordinated planning response to these numerous and growing number of isolated applications which result purely as a result of intensive canvassing by energy specialists and financial opportunism of local landowners. My objection again is three fold, noise, extreme risk of explosion and fire! These risks are manifest owing to the fact that my home is the nearest dwelling lying east of the National Grid complex. As previously drawn to your attention.

Accepting that my home is at greatest risk and impact from this proposed installation, I would hope that my safety and welfare is of prime concern and not discounted in respect of

1. Noise - the existing noise level from the National Grid transformer station fluctuates not only with weather conditions and wind levels but also it seems according to its operation of partial or full transformer banks! In recent years the following the substantial enlargement of the facility, the noise level has increased appreciably! Therefore noise monitoring survey conclusions carried out already should be viewed knowing the precise environmental and operational conditions ruling at the time!? This very large battery facility necessitates equally large inverter and air conditioning installations which can only further add to the already significant noise nuisance!

2. Risk of Explosion - The risk of explosion involving bulk storage Lithium batteries is considered considerable and proportional to the size of the facility and one which is considered very much higher if the site is not manned, monitored and managed full time night and day, 7 days a week!

3. Risk of Fire - Following any explosion it is likely a large fireball would erupt which could likely be carried in the prevailing westerly wind through the vegetation and tree screening canopy into my mature coppice adjoining Rownall Road and my home. The conclusion being that my home would lie directly and immediately within any line of fire!?

I would in conclusion seriously question the suitability of the identified location which surely would if it is going to go ahead despite Green Belt, environment considerations be far better positioned either west, north or south of the National Grid away from ANY existing dwellings!

Can I also suggest that this and similar applications relating to possible battery storage sites in Rownall are viewed collectively and subject to any overall plan and objective and available existing capacity of the National Grid Transformer Station at Rownall

In terms of screening requirements, please consider the time in terms of years for trees to grow to provide adequate screening which would seem to closely mirror the duration of any possible temporary planning consent!

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