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Staffordshire ST9 0BS Comments by: Stephanie WainwrightWainwrights Coal Merchants

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Comments: Grassy Lane Farm

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I wish to object to the application number SMD/2021/0853

The proposed battery farm is one of many springing up over the country and reports from those site say that the constant buzz of the battery cooling system is a noise disturbance. People are complaining that the noise is just loud enough to disturb their every day activities at home and sleep patterns are being disturbed. There is already farm more noise nowadays with the large bangs from the substation in the middle of the night when they are switching over from one grid to another. There is a loud siren and then a bang normally around 2am.

Another reason for my objection is the increase of traffic on an already dangerous road. The last thing the road and its residents need is an increase of vehicles along here. Peoples safety is already at risk with the sheer volume and speed that cars, vans and artic lorries come along the road.

Finally there is the safety of the batteries themselves. There was an incident in Liverpool when a bank of batteries set on fire and partly exploded in 2020. This is problem enough due to the safety concerns if the units set on fire. Although this article <https://www.energy-storage.news/battery-storage-fire-safety-is-everyones-business> is from the US the issues are the same. There is also the concern that if there was a fire and it spread to the substation, what would happen then? I feel that this would cause a huge environmental issue for wildlife, grazing animals and the children at the nearby schools due to the build up of gases that occurs with fires of the lithium batteries.

Many thanks

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