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Ref: Planning Application SMD/2022/0076 - Construction of a temporary Battery Storage System on land off Bemersley Road, BALL GREEN, Stoke-on-Trent,

I wish to register my objections to the above planning application so that it is placed on record. I know the site well, as it is approx 750 metres from my residence. I wish to strongly object to the development for the following reasons:

This is an inappropriate development of the Green Belt land and the type and magnitude does not fall within either the local planning framework, nor the very special circumstances required by the National Planning Policy Framework. We are going to lose valuable greenland that is such an important habitat for the wildlife of the area, birds, animals and plants. Removal of hedgerows is against SMDC policy and is totally unacceptable. Anesco's promise to create new hedges will not alleviate this problem, as a fully grown and a habitable hedge takes at least 15 years to develop.

The proposed Lithium-ion storage batteries are not proven to be stable and can result in cell runaway fires, (which are difficult to extinguish) and explosions. The fire at a similar site in Liverpool took 59 hours to extinguish. This type of incident has been proved to create emissions of highly toxic gases which are a danger to the public. There are also 2 primary schools in close proximity to the site. As the River Trent and the canal feeder stream from Knypersley reservoir run very close to the site there is a high possibility of contamination to both, thus risking the spread of the area of contamination even further.

Lastly, the number of heavy trucks which will use Bemersley Road during the 36 month construction phase is a danger in itself. It is a narrow road with correspondingly narrow pavements, often on one side only with people having to step into the road to pass. It is a route to local schools and the local chemist, doctors' surgery, clinic and the main local shops are situated on this road. The village childrens' play area runs alongside and has access from Bemersley Road. It is used by everyone including the elderly and children to access essential services. Obviously these vehicles will increase the risk of accidents in the area.

For the reasons above I request that you reject the planning application

Yours sincerely



Christine Morey