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Application Reference No. : SMD/2022/0076 Site Address: Land Off Bemersley Road Brown Edge Staffordshire
Comments by: Barbara Hurley
From:

Knypersley Road
Norton
Stoke on Trent

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Submission: Objection

Comments: I wish to register my objections to the above planning application so that it is placed on record. I wish to strongly object to the development of this site for the following reasons:

This is inappropriate development of Green Belt within Stoke on Trent, as is against the National Planning Policy Framework Section 13, paragraph 137. Development of this type and size is not consistent with local planning frameworks and will cause irrecoverable harm by allowing urban sprawl of the outlying villages of Ball Green and Brown.

The very special circumstances as required by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) paragraph 147 for the development in the Green Belt are not met by this application. There are already Brownfield sites that have been identified particularly in the village of Ball Green, one just 850 metres away from this site. As the NPPF clearly states at paragraph 151 'When located in the Green Belt, elements of many renewable energy projects will comprise inappropriate development. In such cases developers will need to demonstrate very special circumstances if projects are to proceed'. With other sites available in the immediate location there are no special circumstances for this to proceed.

Battery storage units and related equipment are well documented to be a fire hazard, thus requiring access for emergency vehicles at all times. The proposed site would require a permanent roadway to be in situ for any fire service vehicles to access the actual battery units. It would also require a source of water. This is unacceptable in Green Belt.

The site itself is home to various animals, flora and fauna and forms a natural corridor through which the River Trent flows from Knypersley reservoir into the city itself. The land also has feeders that connect to the Cauldon Canal.

Any fire would cause irreparable damage and pollution to the River Trent and Cauldon Canal, this is a risk that cannot be overlooked.

This site is also within close proximity of two primary schools, one at Ball Green and one within Brown Edge.

It is false to say that the proposal will be unseen as it will be screened through planting, this will take 15 years to establish.

Travel to and from the site during the 8 months of construction will see a large number of articulated lorries travelling through Norton in the Moors and Ball Green where the roadway is extremely narrow in parts and is a main pedestrian area with many school children and elderly residents like myself using the narrow pavements running this length of road. The road passes by not only the main village shops, but a doctor's surgery, health centre and a children's park. These are unacceptable safety hazards and cannot be allowed.

It will not only cause a safety hazard as articulated lorries navigate the narrow points and blind bends of Bemersley Road but will also damage our Stoke on Trent highway.

Finally the removal of our hedgerows to create access to facilitate the turning of articulated lorries in and out of the site is an unacceptable loss, and against Staffordshire Moorlands Local Planning policy (Sept 2020) which clearly states in Policy NE2 it will protect established Hedgerows by retaining them, unless the need for, and the benefits of, the development outweigh their loss. As there are alternative sites available this development does not outweigh their loss.

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