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Comments: Yet another detailed major application for a battery Storage installation adjacent to the Rownall National Grid transformer Station. This follows the two previous replicated applications SMD/2021/0695 and SMD/2022/0047 which the Planning Officer recommended Councillors to refuse, as neither met the exceptional criteria required to overturn Green Belt protection. Despite this recommendation the attending councillors view in Chamber was that these applications ONLY lacked adequate 'visual screening' .

This application not only seems to fall short of adequate screening and as such I would expect the Planning Officer would also reach exactly the same conclusions that again none of these applications meet the required criteria to overturn Green Belt protection??

In the absence of logic, restricted by Council procedure being incapable of reviewing all these separate applications collectively, I see no other option other than a councillors decision to follow the now established precedent, and refuse this application too!

To overcome this astonishing and ever so costly impasse for all, including ratepayers, (if sustainable energy development is so essential) then surely there has to be the means of considering all these separate applications as a major impacting development project for the Staffs Moorlands and Local residents which should not simply be decided upon by a mere show of half a dozen hands !!??

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