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Comments: Once again I must completely OBJECT to the proposed development of Construction of a temporary 49.35MW battery storage facility, to include a compound, a DNO control room, a customer substation, security fencing, landscaping and other associated infrastructure within the GREEN BELT land located off Bemersley Road, Brown Edge.

I have reviewed all of the evidence and information that has been provided by the proposer and other agencies concerned as well as other interested parties.

It should be apparent to all, that from the evidence and information stated, including the ̈ predicted̈ and assessments carried out, there is NO ACTUAL confirmed or concrete proof that this development WILL NOT have a negative impact or irreversible detrimental affect or consequences on the environment, wildlife and the residents in the immediate vicinity. In fact from the details provided it only emphasis that there is NO DOUBT that there will be long term damage to the location as per the points listed below.

Removal of established hedgerows, destroying the important natural wildlife habitat, flora and forna.

Danger to the important water courses, including the RIVER TRENT FEEDER .

Destruction of green belt land in the natural valley encompassed between the rural villages of Brown Edge, Ball Green where numerous important sites are located such as Knypersley Pool, Marshes Hill Common nature reserve, Chatterly Whitfield nature Reserve and Greenway Bank to name but a few. How any person can honestly state that if this proposed application was granted it would not have a massive negative impact on any of these locations beggars belief.

Pollution from the actual preparation and construction of the site to the long term implications to the pasture land, wildlife and watercourses which feed the rivers, canals of both Staffordshire Moorlands and Stoke Upon Trent. Also the concerns of any leakage, or other unforeseen dangers / incidents that will cause danger and harm to the

surrounding area and further afield as the contaminants / are carried further down stream to other villages and towns.

The fact that the proposed site is only metres from residential dwellings, which will be greatly affected by the constant noise of the unbelievable amount of articulated vehicles 6 x days a week throughout an ESTIMATED 8 month build time scale. Followed by the constant omitted noise from the site 24 hrs a day.

It needs to be fully recognised and understood by those involved in making the final decision that the proposed site is in the countryside where as a whole it is fairly quiet especially during the hours of darkness.

Yes there are nearby houses but it is NOT a town or alike location.

Upon their own admissions, despite saying that there will be a minimal and acceptable level of noise omitted from the site, that in itself proves that numerous people will be affected and is in breach of The Human Rights Act will permanently occur, breaching an individual's right to a private and quiet life. Despite the promise of erecting a 1.5m high solid eye sore of a barrier further impacting on the environment, it will still not stop the noise which they admit is above a legal and acceptable level.

The infrastructure in place is not suitable to accommodate the building of such a proposal.

Both Norton Lane & Bemersley Road are 30 MPH highways with some street lighting and NOT 40 MPH roads as stated inaccurately by the proposer. Throughout this planned road are numerous major concerns / dangers which includes a school, church, a few shops a park and a sports playing field which is located adjacent to the pavement and very close to the road which has a low fence. The road is a single carriageway with a lane in each direction. Norton Lane is a steep winding hill which is only just wide enough for cars to pass each other at a very slow speed. On one side the mere is a high grassy embankment so there is no room at all to manoeuvre a vehicle. On the other side is a pavement with a high kerb. Both of these roads have an imposed 7.5 ton weight limit restriction for good reason. This is both a main walking / driving route towards Norton, Ball Green and Brown Edge so can already get congested at all times due to the traffic light and pedestrian crossings. This route is used daily by the school children and parents which again is of a massive concern which in no way can be overlooked.

Norton Lane and Bemersley Road have imposed 30MPH speed limits and road speed humps for a reason, because they are roads of concern and are already a risk.

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It is well known by all that new ways to produce more power sources need to be found through either technology or by other means, to meet the planets needs. However there is an abundance of well documented negative information as to the dangers and risk that these facilities pose. Also these developments DO NOT generate more power, they simply just store it and that the only benefit gained is that of the private companies who make millions and the land owner who receives payment for the land. The community who have to suffer and endure the consequences (for the rest of their lives for many) do not receive any benefits from these sites.

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The fact that another similar development site is located only around 750 metres away and is an actual brown field site can not be ignored or over looked. Also no benefit would be gained by the local community from this proposal, so using the pretext of the wider community fails to meet the criteria of 'Special circumstances' for green belt land.

From the beginning the Environment Agency have continually raised serious concerns throughout this application. This in turn has allowed more than enough time in which Anesco and it's advisors and partners to fully address these issues. Anesco have either realised that they are unable to do so, or have failed in their case to do so then as a professional body for the interstate of public health for the environment and the reasons stated this evidence can not surely be ignored or disregarded. Part of their main remit is the protection and stability of the country's environment and to evidentially challenge / hold those to account who may bring harm or jeopardise it.

Despite no application has YET emerged / applied for in relation to solar panels or other expansion plans, it would be obvious that if granted then this would be the next step for Anesco to pursue from a monetary/ investment business strategy plan.

It would seem that the company have failed on numerous accounts to thoroughly to the necessary and diligent and accurate research into this application and have chosen to constantly drip feed /provide the minimalist documentation as to what they think they can get away with, perhaps in order to be able to change and alter their application in order to gain permission. By doing so to me and many others it only raises suspicion, concern and 'even more red flags' as to their future plans and real goals and only adds to the mistrust and question their honesty and integrity in their doing so.

I am sure that if Anesco provided full, true & accurate evidence with the necessary information needed at a brown filed site that posed very limited impact on the local community then their applications would be supported by the majority.

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