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Submission: Objection

Comments: Ref: SMD/2022/0574 Battery storage installation at Armshead Farm, Armshead Road, Werrington.

I object to this application which is the 4th of its type within close proximity of the Rownall National Grid Transformer Station.

Not only is this application within the 'protected' Green Belt but of all the recent Battery Storage applications surrounding this National Grid Transformer Station this is the closest to most residences delivering all of the significant operational risks right to their door!

Local residents may not realise the risks associated, the main ones being Fire, explosion, noise and likely 24/7 light pollution.

All of these risks of course greatly increase with the accumulation effect as more and more individual battery storage applications are approved by the local Council and the first at Rownall has already been granted setting a very dangerous precedent.

It may also not be evident to all, just how close the enhanced protected conservation Churnet Valley Master Plan is to this application site?

The western boundary of the Churnet Valley Master Plan runs north/south along Rownall Road from its junction with Mill Lane. Everything east of Rownall Road falls within the so called extra protected Churnet Valley Master Plan long designated area of outstanding natural beauty!

Local residents should be under no illusion that the greatest undesirable impact is likely to be excessive day and night noise which could well equal and in some circumstances and possibly even exceed the upper residential legislative limits of BS 8233.

This application if approved, would merely accelerate the continuing destruction of the Rownall Green Belt!

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