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I object to this application seeking screening approval for this the 6th separate site application for battery storage units surrounding the National Grid transformer station at Rownall.

So far two full applications have been approved encapturing 20 acres of former wheat growing fields, two applications have been withdrawn and another most recently refused on grounds that this Green Belt would if approved become ¿an unwanted industrial area¿!

Now here we have a new application the 6th on former farm land which has only recently, I believe, been sold to one of the local prominent landowners who has already been granted consent for one of the mega sized battery storage projects immediately along side Rownall Road!

All of the justifiable reasons why this application should be refused are even more relevant now,namely;

1. Again this is within the protected Green Belt and within close proximity of the additionally protected Churnet Valley Masterplan which boundaries directly onto Rownall Road.

2. The massive accumulated damage to the landscape would be unacceptable

3. The resultant accumulated neighbourhood risk to quality of life of noise, fire, explosion, and operating nuisance would be considerable and wholly unacceptable to local residents.

4. The already building traffic chaos along Rownall Road resulting from the 2 already approved major battery storage construction projects and the regular heavy goods vehicles accessing the 6 former mega agricultural sheds now granted Industrial B8 use will be already intolerable.

5. As for the former Armshead Farm application which was refused this one should be as well on the same grounds that to consent would make Rownall an unwanted industrial zone

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