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Site Address: Land At Rownall Farm Rownall Road Wetley Rocks Staffordshire ST9 0BT

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Submission: Objection

Comments: I strongly object to this planning application based on the adverse affects it will have on the rural area of Rownall which is currently a green belt and special landscape area. The proposal is far too large for the aforementioned area which houses a number of rural properties in close proximity to the site location.

Consequently, local residents and residents up to a few miles away will be significantly hindered with the loss of view of the green belt area.

The rural roads (i.e., Rownall Road and Thorneyhedge Road) are extremely narrow and currently enjoyed for leisure purposes by local horse riders, walkers, runners and cyclists. The increase of heavy traffic on the rural roads will notably increase the danger to local residents partaking in leisure activities. Serious consideration needs to be given to the influence of this especially since we live in a world where obesity and poor health is ever rising.

It must all be mentioned that local farms will be hindered by this increase in traffic and this is concerning for the local economy. Additionally, the food supply is constantly being decreased over the entire country due to projects like this and other building work that are constantly reducing the quantity of farm land. In conjunction with the aforesaid, the land that the solar farm is proposed to be built on is exceptional farming land, as such further reducing the quantity of farm land. Per se, this reduction in farm land is always constantly increasing the cost of British food.

In summary, I hope you can see that this planning proposal is hugely negatively impactful for the local area and will have adverse effects for the nationwide economy.

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