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Application Reference No. : SMD/2023/0523

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

Comments by: Mr Reeves

From:

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Submission: Objection

Comments: I wish to OBJECT to this planning proposal.

This is an area of greenbelt and special landscape area.

The scale of the proposal will be overbearing in this area, it is a lovely rural area with significant views and is well used by local people for leisure purposes. I often use this route for cycling as it has quiet country lanes that is safer than the busy main roads. It seems inappropriate to house an industrial solar farm of this scale in this location of beautiful countryside. It will greatly impact the quiet roads and the rural properties in this area.

The visual impact will be greatly compromised for anyone using these country lanes for leisure purposes. It is a regular route for people who enjoy cycling, running and horse riding - the roads here are very narrow and an industrial solar farm of this scale will surely bring additional traffic and a lot of heavy traffic and congestion. It will also be an eyesore for the area and will be seen by anyone using this area as it is so close to the roadside. The visual impact will be compromised and good quality farming land lost. SMDC is well known for its beautiful countryside and I feel this planning application if approved will have a negative impact on SMDC and the tourism that comes to the area. There are several tourism businesses offering b&b close to this location that are popular because of the beautiful and peaceful countryside that this greenbelt area currently offers.

The land for this proposed planning application is currently good farming land which should be protected. This site on this scale is not proportionate with the area and will have a detrimental impact on local residents and people visiting the area.

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