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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: E. Ratcliff
From:

Birch Road
Bignall End
Stoke on Trent

Submission: Objection
Comments: OBJECTION

I wish to object to this solar farm application for the following reasons:-

- 1) it will cause visual harm to the countryside and greenbelt in this location
- 2) it will cause harm to the openness of the area
- 3) loss of greenbelt and will turn the area into an industrial looking site due to the overwhelming size of the proposal at 170 acres
- 4) it will cause harm both in terms of openness and visual harm to neighbouring properties, not only with the loss of the greenbelt but also the proposed high metal fencing surrounding the proposed site and the cameras and lighting and on the fencing will cause harm to neighbouring residential properties
- 5) NPPF states solar farms should NOT be at the detriment of greenbelt and good agricultural farmland, which this is.
- 6) I visit this area regularly for recreational purposes and it will definitely put me off wanting to come to the area.
- 7) there are local business close by which will be severely affected by this solar farm as their business is based on the tranquil landscape, views of the area and peacefulness.
- 8) many local people visit this area for leisure purposes and the narrow country lanes are not suitable for heavy HGV traffic.
- 9) I understand the need for green energy but DO NOT support this in this location., which is a quiet area in the countryside with residential Properties very close to the proposed site.

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