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Development of a Battery Energy Storage System BESS with ancillary infrastructure connecting to the National Grid.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

This is the 7th separate MAJOR so called 'sustainable energy' application at Rownall to be received by Staffs Moorlands District Council within the last 12 months.

This and the other associated 6 applications are not magnanimous philanthropic gestures, they are driven by sheer greed for exceptionally large profit creation, and for some, one already approved GREEN BELT destroying Battery Storage system, seems not enough!

Again, for all of the reasons previously given, these Battery Storage Systems are not appropriate here in Rownall's Rural community but additionally now it seems these BESS systems carry an additional hazard over other Batteries relating to a greater risk of explosion and fire?

As the National Grid is currently incapable of accommodating all of the nations wind power generation and has to payout approximately £250m a year in refunds for wasted green electrical wind generated energy, which has to be paid for by each and every household in the Country, I wonder why on earth aren't these Battery Storage systems located close to the wind farms to capture this excess wasted valuable electricity?

To locate these Battery Storage systems in Rownall close to the point of high electrical consumption being charged in the greater part from a mega sized highly inefficient Solar Farm is madness. Even this proposed huge Rownall 49.99MW Solar Farm being located in our heavily occluded overcast Moorlands would do well to average 25MW annual generation, and current estimates suggest it would take 100 years or more to generate around a year's worth of currently wasted wind generated energy!

If these Battery Storage systems were to be located in the remote low populated areas of the country close to the source of the nations wind power generation, UK household bills could be reduced by around £500pa and all green levies cancelled. Furthermore, they wouldn't present a high risk of explosion, fire and noise to neighbouring very close residents and would not intrude into our precious Green Belt rural livelihoods.

Please don't proffer this fallacy in the name of 'sustainable energy' when it's not, and when there is a much better alternative for all and don't be drawn into facilitating yet another private application driven by greed benefiting so greatly, only one well known Rownall resident.

Sincerely Ian Podmore

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