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Site Address: Land at Greenfields Farm Thorney Edge Road Bagnall Staffordshire ST9 9LA Stoke On Trent

Comments by: MrPrivate freehold resident

From:

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Submission: Objection

Comments: WITHOUT PREJUDICE

I object to this application for screening approval which is now one of 7th separate major associated sustainable energy application surrounding the National Grid transformer Station at Rownall.

So far two full Battery Storage applications have been approved capturing 20 acres of former wheat fields, one application has recently been refused on grounds that if approved the Rownall Green Belt would become an unwanted industrial area.

Now here we have a new application the 7th on former farm land which is sure to develop to another full application for yet another probably the 4th major Battery Storage site in Rownall/Bagnall. How many highly damaging Battery Storage sites can Rownall accommodate and just how many more will the Staffs Moorlands Council approve with a mere show of hands, without considering the overall cost to the rural community and the cumulative impacts?

All the reasons why this application should be refused, as for all the others, 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 would require wholly unsuitable HGV access along Armshead Road and Thorney Edge Road.

2. The massive, accumulated damage to the landscape would be unacceptable and wholly inappropriate.

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

4. The additional proposed already building HGV traffic chaos along single track lanes in Rownall and Bagnall resulting from the cumulative effect of all these pending and approved related applications is unacceptable.

5. As for the former refused Armshead Farm application, this one would be probably even more damaging and result in Rownall's Green Belt becoming an unwanted industrial zone

6. Having regard for the UK Government who are currently paying out circa £250mp.a. on behalf of the National Grid who are unable presently to receive all the present wind generated electric power why is this wasted investment not ploughed into battery storage sites immediately next to the wind turbines. Such localised investment would then be in deeply rural sparsely populated areas of the country where no negative residential green belt communities would be harmed? It would also save every household having to fund these extraordinary constraint payments in their ongoing electricity bills!

I would draw Councillors attention to the fact that all this stampede for landowners' greed stems from the

original first Battery Storage site approval being voted on by a very small number of Councillors present in chamber during the summer holiday recess of 2022 who decided to go against the Planning Officers recommendation of inappropriateness.

Sincerely Ian Podmore.

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