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Comments: WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Rownall Solar Farm application SMD/2023/0639

I feel it's important to stress to those socially conscious local ratepayers and SMDC Councillors, that all of the electricity generated by these solar panels will not go directly to the National Grid at cost!

The Solar generated low cost and probably Government grant subsidised electricity will ALL go directly into the neighbouring independently owned third party private Battery Storage businesses which will auction their electricity reserves at the highest of current market 'bid' prices to any of the many commercial retail electricity providers.

Presently, there are two approved Battery Storage businesses at Rownall but in recent weeks three more have been submitted awaiting Council decisions.

So, this represents an extremely low risk highly profitable venture for any opportunistic investor with money to spare, which is why a local well known Rownall entrepreneur and landowner has also recently invested significantly in his own sustainable energy company now strongly entering this lucrative Battery Storage business in Rownall and beyond, as they exit farming.

I would emphasise that the primary duty and responsibility of our local Moorlands Councillors is to protect their local ratepayers and voters, not facilitate nor, encourage the creation of massive unjust and frankly obscene profit businesses in the 'Green Belt', which does absolutely nothing to reduce the nations household electricity bills but does everything to bolster so considerably the huge profits of the operators and the landowners, whilst damaging the local residential community so both markedly financially and physically.

Sincerely Ian Podmore Rownall Ridge (formerly Rownall Hall), ST9 0BT

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