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

Comments by: Ian Hunt

From:

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Submission: Objection

Comments: Having looked at the planning application for this Solar Farm I would like to send my Objection to the planning committee.

Our daughter keeps her horse in this location and we enjoy walking out with her to enjoy the lovely countryside. We regularly walk down Thorney Edge Road down to Rownall Road and having these fields covered in solar panels will significantly change the appearance of the area.

I feel it will make the area feel like an industrial estate with the perimeter fencing stated in the application together with cameras and lighting. It seems that the area outlined for the solar panels is coming close to the roadside and also close to some properties. The residents of these properties will be adversely affected by this. I also feel it will cause noise disturbance to people living in these properties.

I believe solar farms should be placed on brownfield sites and/or on land alongside busy roads, on flat ground where the impact of any noise and light will be minimised together with the visual impact being lower on flat ground.

I do not consider this to be temporary; as 40 years is a lifetime for many of the local residents who currently live or use this area to enjoy the countryside.

This land has been farmed successfully for many years and retaining good farming land is imperative for the future food chain of the UK.

For the reasons given above I Object.

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