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Submission: Objection

Comments: I strongly object to this application as there are a total of 7 applications being put in for these Battery Storage Facilities in this area, along with a large Solar farm, which will total over 250 acres of beautiful greenbelt land which is unique for this area. People travel from many urban areas to enjoy this countryside and to walk or cycle around the area. The blight on the area will be immense with all these applications, which will also bring added noise and disturbance to both wildlife and the people who have lived in this area for many years. We run a successful glamping site and people come to stay here for the tranquility and peace of the area and to recharge their batteries. If this is allowed to go through it will severely impact our business., a business that also supports other businesses in the area. There is a Tourism Strategy in place that was approved by SMDC back in February 2023 and as such these applications go against this strategy. There is no thought here for green energy as people would have to drive out of the area to find such beauty, how is this going to help with the carbon footprint if more cars are on the road ?

There is also the safety aspect as well. Battery Storage if not maintained properly can cause over heating, fires and even explosions. If any explosion happens it can decimate anything up to a 1 mile radius !!! There is also the worry of attracting the issue of thieving too with groups looking to steal batteries, piping, cables etc, so a 24 hour security cordon would have to be in place. The issue of security will also mean extra lighting and higher fencing needed, again another blot on the landscape !!

If this goes ahead there is a very high chance it will finish our business, our livelihood too so who will compensate us for this ?

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