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Site Address: Land at Newfields Farm Rownall Road Wetley Rocks Staffordshire ST9 0BS Stoke On Trent

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Submission: Objection

Comments: I would like to object to the Battery Energy Storage System on the following grounds:

1. It represents inappropriate Development in the Green Belt
2. It will not safeguard the countryside from encroachment which would prejudice the purpose of the Greenbelt.
3. The design and materials would introduce a highly incongruous development of industrial scale and character into the open landscape and country setting.
4. On The grounds of safety. A fire in Liverpool was caused by the overheating of the Lithium batteries and I cannot find any assessment from the Fire Service. Do plans provide for fire hydrants and how close to the site would these be. Is there an emergency water supply. Delay in access to an adequate water supply could result in a fire spreading to include other electrical infrastructure and lane volumes of water are necessary to extinguish it and prevent it from spreading to adjacent installations and buildings.
5. The energy would be bought from the National Grid and sold to the highest bidder in other words a simple trading operation akin to buying and selling shares on the stock market. Does this comply with the local plan.
6. The units will generate extra road traffic because of their high service and maintenance requirements.
7. The batteries would be housed in metal containers nearly 3m tall and the acoustic fencing round them over 3 metres high, creating a significant negative impact on the landscape.
8. The proposed site will be visible from a wide area and will be an eyesore on the landscape, it will be in Greenbelt and on agricultural land. These two factors go against the National and Local plan and should be given sufficient weight against the need for renewable energy and balanced accordingly.

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