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Site Address: LAND SOUTH OF CELLARHEAD SUBSTATION AND WEST OF Rownall Road Wetley
Rocks Staffordshire

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Submission: Objection

Comments: I nor any of the other residents of Armshead Road have been formally notified of this application although the proposed development is visible across the current openness of the moorland greenbelt. The proposed development is overlooked from Armshead Road which is elevated above the proposed development by approximately 20m which will make the proposed screening and acoustic fencing irrelevant. Any security lighting will illuminate the greenbelt which will be seen for miles.

As a resident which had a planning application rejected on the grounds of disproportional and inappropriate development for the greenbelt which would harm the openness of the greenbelt, which was essentially a reorientation of a roof with a small extension to a small dormer bungalow, I am staggered given the scale of this and other associated applications that this has not already been rejected in line with the guidelines set out in the NPPF for the protection of the greenbelt.

The NPPF states that when considering any planning application, local planning authorities should ensure that substantial weight is given to any harm to the Green Belt. Very special circumstances will not exist unless the potential harm to the Green Belt by reason of inappropriateness, and any other harm resulting from the proposal, is clearly outweighed by other considerations.

The NPPF States When located in the Green Belt, elements of many renewable energy projects will comprise inappropriate development. In such cases developers will need to demonstrate very special circumstances if projects are to proceed. Planning policies and decisions should recognise that some undeveloped land can perform many functions, such as for wildlife, recreation, flood risk mitigation, cooling/shading, carbon storage or food production

As a resident that will be impacted as this proposal I strongly object to this proposal due to:

The harm and destruction to the landscape, the impact on the ecology, local wildlife, barn owls, curlews, deer, hares, foxes and bats. It also destroys the openness Greenbelt which as stated in the NPPF should be protected

The potential toxic impact (Fire hazards, pollution, destruction of wildlife habitats) of this, and the other associated developments, clearly outweighs any benefits that have been used in its justification.

The scheme has avoided scrutiny by the secretary of state by cynically making multiple applications on what is essentially a single scheme and they should be looked at cumulatively.

in short, the council should not be considering to make a decision on this matter as it clearly falls within the remit of the rules set out for Secretary of State intervention. Should the council preside on this matter then the precedent will be set for developers to submit further applications, resulting in the Staffordshire Moorlands becoming 'Staffordshire Batterylands'.

It was stated in the House of Commons by local MP Dame Karen Bradley that small district councils need to have the appropriate expertise to look at those application.

She also stated that when a large number of applications are made to adjoining land they should be considered as a whole rather than looked at individually.

This clearly needs further consultation with independent experts appointed by local or national government as matter that needs greater scrutiny.

Note the objection was submitted after the formal closure dates but as stated I had not been formally notified so should be included. In fact, the application should be suspended until all residents of Armshead road and Withystakes have been notified.

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