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Application Reference No. : SMD/2023/0639 Site Address: Land at Greenfields Farm Thorney Edge Road Bagnall  
Staffordshire ST9 9LA Stoke On Trent Comments by: Mark Shadforth  
From:

Armshead Road  
Werrington  
Stoke on Trent

Submission: Objection

Comments: I write to state my objection to the proposed scheme.

I did not raise objections to two previous similar schemes that have been approved, acknowledging the need for proportionate, sustainable energy projects locally, regionally and nationally.

This is one of a number of similar proposals in close proximity. Collectively, the developers risk the industrialisation of the countryside. I believe that if this scheme is approved, the cumulative impact will be of detriment to the rural area in which it is planned

I consider the loss of agricultural land, disruption to trees, hedges and their dependent fauna will be significant. The development would harm the greenbelt and have potential long term adverse impact on local wildlife.

The proposed development is in close proximity to the highly popular SSSI at Wetley Moor Common and will likely reduce the enjoyment of many visitors to this site. The proposed development would threaten green space at a time that its benefit to our health is being acknowledged and valued. Potential damage to tourism when our rural economy is facing significant challenges is disappointing.

There is a significant possibility of negative impact of the construction project on local transport infrastructure. This would apply when local resources appear particularly stretched. It would be disappointing if a small number of local, influential landowners capitalised and persuaded the planning committee to approve this scheme.

Having chosen a home with a degree of rural isolation, I am concerned the potential cumulative visual and acoustic impact of this scheme may prevent my enjoyment of my home. If the value of my home was diminished by this and similar schemes, I would give serious consideration to relocating. I would expect many of my neighbours may think similarly. Future purchasers of residential plots may capitalise on the situation and consider applying for permission to develop those greenbelt areas that are released for sale. I would be concerned it may become increasingly difficult for the local authority to raise cogent objections to other planned developments if the proposed scheme is approved.

I am disappointed to be late raising my concerns about the application and hope my delayed representation is received in time to be considered.

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