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Application Reference No. : SMD/2023/0523
Site Address: Land At Rownall Farm Rownall Road Wetley Rocks Staffordshire ST9 0BT
Comments by: Mark Shadforth
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Submission: Objection
Comments: Unfortunately I must state an objection to the proposal.

By virtue of the scale of this project, its impact on local green space will be significantly detrimental to the rural area in which it is proposed.

The loss of agricultural land, disruption to trees, hedges and their dependent fauna will be significant. 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. The development would harm the greenbelt and have potential long term adverse impact on local wildlife. The proposed development would threaten green space at a time that its benefit to our health is being 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.

Having chosen to live with a degree of rural isolation I am concerned the visual impact of this scheme may prevent my enjoyment of my home. If the value of my home was diminished by this and other similar schemes, I would give serious consideration to relocating. Future purchasers may capitalise on the situation and consider applying for permission to develop the greenbelt plot in which my home is built. I would be concerned it may be increasingly difficult for the local authority to raise a cogent objection to any development if the proposed scheme has been approved.

I am disappointed to be late raising concerns about the application. I have been alarmed by the number of subsequent proposed "green energy" installations in the immediate vicinity of this proposed scheme; collectively the developers risk the cumulative industrialisation of the countryside. I hope my delayed representation is received in time to be considered.

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