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Site Address: LAND SOUTH OF CELLARHEAD SUBSTATION A.0 WEST OF Rownall Road Wetley Rocks Staffordshire

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Submission: Objection

Comments: Objection to SMD/2024.0055 Erection of a flexible Battery Storage Facility on Newfields Farm, Rownall.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

This one has been squeezed on part of the land closest to Rownall Road, and no doubt represents only part of a new developing sustainable energy agenda planned for the remainder of the adjoining land at Newfields Farm?

Having already had two highly invasive and dangerous Battery storage facilities approved in Rownall. do we really want another three and a 170acre Solar Farm in what is after all, -all Green Belt! Enough is surely enough!

Despite all this so called Sustainable energy activity, we've also seen creeping industrialisation as 6 huge mega sized agricultural barns have already been granted 'Change of Use', enabling intrusive non-agricultural use and one remaining on Rownall Farm, is currently being vigorously fought by the long aggrieved local community.

This application is absolutely inappropriate and should be immediately rejected.

1. Its in Green Belt and the damage to the landscape and rural residential community is completely unacceptable.
2. Its too close to IO very near residences along Rownall Rd
3. It requires a long-established public right of way to be rerouted.

4. Noise levels are very likely to exceed residential statutory levels
5. The statistics suggest each of these facilities has a serious fire once in their lifetime. the high risk of fire and explosion therefore would devastate all homes along this section of Rownall Road.
6. It would seriously impact the two established nearest businesses.
7. It would add to the already greatly increasing HGV traffic along Rownall Road
8. Offers zero local community benefit or compensation.
9. It would only encourage further planned Battery Storage e, infill, on adjoining available land. next to the National Grid transformer station.

Sincerely Ian Podmore. 20th March 2024.

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Good evening, Chair,

I'm, Ian Podmore, Freehold resident of Rownall for 42 years, my home is Rownall Ridge, formerly Rownall Hall.

I address this meeting this evening as a Spokesperson for The Rownall and Bagnall Residents Action Group against 7 disastrous major current pending and approved industrial sustainable energy applications, all in our own 'Green Belt'. We insist that the Parish Council now supports our own individual objections to these proposals which would destroy over 300 acres of former highly productive wheat growing farmland.

Furthermore, we are alarmed to see second Battery Storage application SMD/2024/0055 this application also has no Fire and Rescue assessment. The Parish Council must lodge their strongest objection against this most damaging application.

It becomes equally apparent that the Council must carry out 'a prior overall impact survey' to identify the precise environmental and residential impacts on the local rural Green Belt community and we expect the Parish Council to insist on that? Similarly, in this extraordinary situation, it would be a dear dereliction of Councillor responsibility at both Parish and District level to allow the SMDC to continue to evaluate and decide on these 7 related interconnected applications separately in isolation, in total disregard and in complete neglect of the overwhelming local cumulative consequences.

Ian Podmore. Rownall Ridge, ST9 0BT. 26/03/2024.