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To: [Planning \(SMDC\)](#); [Haywood, Ben \(SMDC\)](#)
Subject: SMD/2023/0594 - Land at Blythe House Farm, south of the A50, Draycott in the Moors, ST10 4JN. Installation of a solar array, substation and associated works forming an extension to Blythe Solar Farm (ref: SMD/2022/0160) - Late Submission
Date: 20 May 2024 14:11:49

Dear Sirs

Can you please ensure that the following information is brought to the attention of the members of the SMDC Planning Committee when the meet this Thursday.

The above application is a cross boundary application where the largest was designed to go on land where the planning authority is East Staffordshire Borough Council. They have recently refused their portion of the planned works under planning application - P/2023/00217 - for the reasons given below, which I am sure will equally apply to the portion that is to be considered this Thursday.

Refusal Reasons Page for Planning Application - P/2023/00217

Site Address***Proposed Solar Farm North of Bramble Cottage Greensmiths Lane Upper Leigh Staffordshire ST10 4NY***

Details

Application Number***P/2023/00217***

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Property Address***Bramble Cottage, Greensmiths Lane, Upper Leigh, Staffordshire, ST10 4NU***

Reasons 1

The proposed development by virtue of the scale, form, materials and siting, would significantly harm the character of the landscape individually and cumulatively and it is not considered that the benefits of the proposals outweigh this harm. The proposed is therefore considered to conflict with Policies SP1, SP8, SP24 and SP30 of the East Staffordshire Local Plan, the East Staffordshire Design Guide and the NPPF.

Reasons 2

The proposed development by virtue of the scale, form, materials and siting would be within close proximity and therefore visually intrusive to the occupants of nearby residential properties and would harm their residential amenities. The proposal is therefore considered to conflict with Policies SP1, SP8, SP24 and DP1 of the East Staffordshire Local Plan, the East Staffordshire Design Guide and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Reasons 3

The size of vehicles and number of vehicle trips required to implement, operated and decommission the proposed development would result in excessive traffic within the rural highway network to the detriment of highway safety. The proposal is therefore considered to conflict with policies SP1 and SP35 of the East Staffordshire Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Best wishes.

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