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Application Reference No. : SMD/2024/0240 Site Address: Land Adjoining New House Farm Luzlow Lane Bagnall Staffordshire ST9 9JZ Stoke-On-Trent Comments by: Ian Podmore Private freehold resident

From:

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Submission: Objection

Comments: Screening application SMD/2024/0240 Land adjoining NewHouse Farm

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

This ridiculous situation is now completely out of control. These so called, Sustainable Energy developers are canvassing the country and seducing landowners with obscene offers of money beyond their wildest dreams. They are negotiating 'straight jacket' contracts taking over complete control of the landowner's land and rights.

These seemingly windfall profit opportunities are even now attracting 'get rich quick' people and businesses to 'jump on the bandwagon' and become part of this modern day 'Goldrush'. Now, pockets of available land are being bought up with the sole intention of leasing it back to a BESS bulk Battery Storage operator. This is the second such blatant example of such land grabbing inside Rownall and Bagnall's Green Belt and those opportunists don't even live on site or even nearby!

This particular BESS application, the 7th in the immediate vicinity, is of course completely inappropriate and must be viewed cumulatively together with all the other related major sized bulk battery storage proposals approved and pending, including the current pending 'anchoring' enabling 170 acre 49.99MW Rownall Solar Farm.

This application must be immediately refused for the following reasons and not allowed to be taken to the next detailed planning submission stage.

1. It's in the Green Belt
2. It's far too close to neighbouring residences on both Luzlow and Armshead Road.
3. It's likely to create prohibitive high levels of residential noise
4. The Fire and Explosion risk within this compromised residential area is unacceptable.
5. Access is restricted to one route in and out and it's highly unlikely that this site could ever comply with current Fire and Rescue criteria.
6. The busy highway route between Werrington and Milton is downwind and too close for safety in event of a Lithium-Iron based bulk battery high temperature fire
7. Irrevocable damage to our precious moorlands landscape
8. Public safety being greatly at risk being so close to Wetley Common.

Sincerely

Wednesday 5th June 2024

Ian Podmore, Rownall Ridge. ST9 0BT

Submitted on behalf of the 'Save Rownall & Bagnall's Green Belt' Campaign

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