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Application Reference No. : SMD/2024/0055 Site Address: LAND SOUTH OF CELLARHEAD SUBSTATION AND WEST OF Rownall Road Wetley Rocks Staffordshire Comments by: Mrs Jo Paterson

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Submission: Objection

Comments: I wish to object to this large-scale BESS application.

Local infrastructure of small narrow country lanes is not capable of managing the large number of vans, lorries and HGVs that will be required to convey the required storage containers that are measuring at 40ft in length that house the batteries. Unnecessary traffic and large vehicles will undoubtedly damage roads, and cause damage to wildlife and cause stress that is detrimental to local horses that reside in the fields surrounding this area. Horse riders and their horses will be put at huge risk and is likely to lead to tragedy that will leave the area devastated and damage the reputation the area has of being safe and habitable for wildlife and the horse community.

Lighting and security required for such an area will cause huge amount of light pollution impacting and decimating local wildlife, birds and mammals alike not to mention the enormous impact this will have on house prices, reportedly reducing house prices by 50% of their current worth.

Moreover, the risk of devastating fire likely to result at worst the loss of life of people, either those living directly next to the proposed site as well as those situated short miles away as wind in open areas can push fire swiftly to homes and gardens that are on the perimeter of this proposed site. The fire service will without doubt face challenging not only accessing the area due to narrow country lanes, and narrow access and exits of which there are 4 only for this huge area. Turning of large vehicles will be impossible with no specific measurements recorded within the application of access and exit to the site if a fire was to occur. I am asking the SMDC to review the measurements to see if fire engines can fit into the site or merely park outside blocking roads to then enter the area. They will be unable to turn in the lanes surrounding the area as cars are unable to turn in the single track lanes that are the only access roads to this area.

Furthermore, I note that the storage containers housing the batteries are not in adherence with guidance, guidance that has been designed to help protect the safety of the fire service who will be risking their lives to manage a fire, and risking the lives and homes of those who live directly next to this proposed site and those within the perimeter as aforementioned. Not to mention local wildlife, if any is left, following the conveying of the storage units, the constant noise emitted from the storage units housing the batteries as well as the 40ft storage units being placed within their habitats. Fire is highly likely and is well publicised and strongly evidenced in current BESS sites across the country and internationally. It is likely this will happen, and the statistics support this which significantly increase as

more and more BESS sites take over the area which if the SMDC look at applications collectively it will become obvious that the multiple applications will destroy the area and make the area dangerous and unbearable to live in.

Homeowners will be unable to insure their homes due to the insurers knowing the statistics that fire is highly likely as a result of these BESS sites especially within green belt land and the vast flammable nature of fields, trees and wind from open areas.

It is without doubt unsuitable for greenbelt land because of the above the reasoning, brown belt land should be considered for such units causing constant 24 hour noise disruption, light pollution and risk of unmanageable fire as well as the unnecessary disruption to local infrastructure, danger to life and massive impact of unsightly 40foot storage containers of which if considered collectively will be over 600 40ft storage units - shipping containers that are unsightly and will be visible and spoil the natural beauty the area is currently known for and is arable greenbelt land, for farming and historically has been used and can continue to be used as effective farmland. i encourage you to join me in objecting this application.

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