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Staffordshire ST9 9JZ Stoke-On-Trent Comments by: Tiegan Lowe
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Submission: Objection

Comments: Objection to Screening Application adjoining New House Farm

I am objecting to this application due to the site being placed on Greenbelt. Government policy states that greenbelt should be protected and allowing this application to be passed is not protecting our Greenbelt. The abundance of wildlife that inhabit the Wetly Moor Common, which is next to the proposed site, would be immensely affected. The loss of habitat, the decreased space for the animals leads to a greater demand in food and competition, ultimately leading to a diminishing number of the species. There are bats, various species of birds, newts and insects in the vicinity that will be directly affected by the battery farm. Not only due to the space the farm is taking up, but the light pollution at night will affect nocturnal animals such as foxes. The noise will disrupt birds and insects and upset the entire ecosystem. This area is a preserved area for a reason, the abundance of wildlife is immense and the greenbelt should be kept as greenbelt. Once the greenbelt is taken away it cannot be restored and will not return back to its former self and the area will be lost forever.

I believe the BESS should be situated on brownfield sites and industrial units that are already there. This area is already industrialised and so wouldn't be disrupted by the introduction of batteries. Greenbelt however will be disrupted.

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