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Application Reference No. : SMD/2023/0568 Site Address: Cellarhead Electricity Substation Rownall Road Wetley Rocks Staffordshire ST9 OBS Comments by: J wheeler

From:

Rownall cottage farm
Rownall road
Rownall
Stoke on trent

Submission: Objection

Comments: I object to extension of the already existing sub station. This land has been successfully farmed by the farmer at Home Farm for decades now and we need to prevent the loss of more farming land in this location. There have already been 2 Battery energy storage sites passed by SMDC alongside this substation on Green belt land and we should now be protecting further growth in this area. The government stated that we should be protecting our best agricultural land and local councils should seriously consider the cumulative impact that adding to an already existing substation will have on the local residents and local area/greenbelt. There is also the added risk now of fire once the new Battery energy stores are erected and these being alongside the substation gives even greater risk to the substation should a fire break out with one of the batteries. This could cause significant damage to the substation and the impact on electricity supply for miles would be affected.

The land on this application has been used for farming for the last few decades and not used as a substation so does a certificate of lawfulness become invalid?

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