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

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Submission: Objection

Comments: * - This is a significant development and as such it should be referred to Planning Committee for a decision.

- * - There will be damage to the ecosystem.
- * - Any development will result in harm to the countryside and landscape. (Green Belt)
- * - Loss of additional footpaths (Earlier re-routing of footpaths affected by the 1960's development has seen them elongated and poorly maintained).
- * - There will be a loss of agricultural land.
- * - The existing substation is cut in to the hillside in an attempt to try and conceal the development. The area proposed is natural ground, higher than the existing substation and is consequently much more prominent.
- * - Highway safety concerns from poor access and volume of traffic during construction (particularly if site levels are reduced necessitating bulk removal of subsoil by road.)
- * - Any development will cause disruption to residents.
- * - There will be an increased fire risk with poor access for emergency vehicles and construction vehicles.
- * - Rownall Road is narrow in parts, where it is unsuitable and unsafe for all road users including pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.
- * - Damage to the narrow country lane leading to the site if used by construction vehicles might reasonably be expected.
- * - Would set a harmful precedent. -the facility would need other infrastructure close by to make it useful and operational.
- * - If allowed it will culminate in a considerable industrialisation of the landscape.

* - I consider that it would be premature for SMDC to give permission at this time given all the uncertainties of the BESS and Solar site applications.

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