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Application Reference No. : SMD/2024/0019 Site Address: Land at Newfields Farm Rownall Road Wetley Rocks
Staffordshire ST9 0BS Stoke On Trent Comments by: Bruce Jarvest

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Submission: Objection

Comments: I strongly object to this proposed development

This is greenbelt and can not be realistically restored after the end life of the BESS and will become almost certainly a brownfield site. Greenbelt should not be significantly damaged to create green energy especially especially where there are many alternatives.

The scale of the combined applications in the Rownall area should be looked at as a whole which is what this is ... is a massive project by stealth which should be investigated by the secretary of state.

The noise, and risk of fire hazard poses a health risk. Foam suppressants used in dealing with industrial fires often contain forever chemicals which can get into the water table.

I dont believe the fire service locally are equipped to deal with such potentially dangerous sites or within timely reach should there be a fire.

There are many more suitable sites than this for battery storage which are either near to windfarms, remote solar farms or on brownfield sites. There are multiple applications in the Rownall area - its not the only place on the national grid and an adjacent national substation doesn't automatically mean this site is suitable when considering its harm to the greenbelt.

Biodiversity net gain to mitigate loss of meadow would need to be like for like if it was to fit in with the local character of this part of the moorlands and replace that which has been lost. Landscaping with trees for example is not the answer so what would mitigate loss and hide the 5m cctv camera stands or 3m pallisade fencing?

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