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Submission: Objection

Comments: My husband owns the field next to the proposed development. My reasons for objection are as follows:

This is greenbelt and can not be realistically restored after the end of life of the BESS and will become a brownfield site unnecessarily. Greenbelt should not significantly suffer to create green energy (the irony).

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

This site is next to a SSSI and the surrounding fields contribute to the SSSI giving a wider wildlife corridor. If the BESS is built, much wildlife will frankly move away or fail. My husband watched the barn owl yesterday evening hunting across this very field planned for batteries, something it wouldn't be able to do.

The water supply to the neighbours is from a borehole which if contaminated poses a health risk. Foam suppressants used in dealing with industrial fires often contain forever chemicals which can get into the water table.

The fire service locally are not 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 which are either near to windfarms or on brownfield sites. There are multiple applications in the Rownall area - it is not the only place on the national grid.

Biodiversity net gain to mitigate loss of meadow / lowland heath border would need to be like for like if it was to fit in with the local character of this part of the moorlands. Landscaping with trees for example is not appropriate so what would mitigate loss?

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