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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: C Elks

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Submission: Objection

Comments: 1 Health & Safety, Impact on living conditions of local people, Hazardous materials, Noise, smell and pollution:

The proposed installation will have a long term detrimental impact on local residents health and wellbeing. Significant exposure to electromagnetic fields EMO, the World Health Organisation classifies EMF as possibly carcinogenic to humans Noise pollution can lead to hearing loss. Continuous background noise can have a significant impact on mental health.

Fire risks: Due to the nature of the proposed installation there is a significant increased fire risk for local residents. Many properties are remote and do not have mains water. Water pressure is insufficient for use by the Fire Service to effectively fight a fire.

2 Environmental impact & Loss of valuable agricultural land, Landscape and ecology, Loss of protected trees and hedgerows:

The proposed installation will have an irreversible detrimental impact on the areas landscape and ecology. Loss of valuable agricultural land in a beautiful rural location strewn with farms and small holdings. This conflicts with government policy to support agriculture via sustainable farming initiatives vital to ensure the country can continue to produce food to support its population. There will be an impact / damage / loss of hedgerows and trees. There will be a detrimental impact on the native wildlife. The area is a haven for small native mammals, insects and birds, their habitat will be destroyed and food source reduced/removed.

Batteries and solar panels used in the proposed installation have a life span of approximately 25 years after which time are disposed of via land fill this is environmentally unsustainable. Production of batteries and solar panels in China and shipment to UK along with the above environmental impact means that this is NOT Green energy.

3 Open Countryside & Green Belt, landscape and ecology, Design and visual impact:

The proposed installation is within Green Belt and will destroy an area of outstanding natural beauty. In the middle of rolling countryside & farmland with far reaching views. The area is in a prominent position within the Staffordshire Moorlands, on the edge of the Peak District National Park with far reaching views. The installation will have a considerable visual impact.

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