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Bagnall Parish Council Objection- Concerns remain regarding capacity, noise and type/manufacturer of the panels to be used.

Bagnall Parish Council notes the observation made by the applicant dated 8th July 2024. "This issue has been clarified through the publication of the most recent National Policy Statement EN-3 (attached) [up-loaded separately] which was published in November 2023 and came into force Jan 2024. The Statement includes a clear directive that it is the combined capacity of the installed inverters (measured in alternating current (AC) that should be used for measuring the output of the scheme.)"

We then note the following statement from the applicant dated 10th July 2024 "The Current DC capacity is 48.5MWp with a specific yield of 968kWh/kWp, giving an overall yield of 50GWh pa."

Having made the case that AC should be used to measure the capacity in the first statement the applicant then switches to DC as the appropriate measure in the second statement. Bagnall Parish Council consequently requests that an independent audit is undertaken as a matter of some urgency to verify the applicants statements relative to EN-3.

Inverters.

Bagnall Parish Council note the statement:- "With the above capacity and using current specification of 350kW inverters would only need 115 inverters, so a lot less than the 256 quoted before."

Bagnall PC makes the observation that the applicants recent note indicates a change in the equipment to be used at the proposed site and consequently the original specification is now rendered obsolete. We consequently consider that the actual (proposed) inverter must be identified and that an updated noise report is now required.

Solar panel manufacturer.

Having read the applicants submission Bagnall Parish Council notes with some surprise that the manufacturer of the panels proposed to be used at Rownall has not been identified. Using the particular panel size shown on the section drawing (2384mm) there is a strong possibility that the manufacturer might well be the China based Trina Solar. Bagnall Parish Council has concerns that this particular company has been identified in several reports as one which uses slave labour in its manufacturing factories. See recent press article:-

<https://www.greenmatch.co.uk/blog/solar-companies-linked-to-forced-labour>

We therefore call on the applicant, via the planning process, to supply full details of both the type and manufacturer of the panels that are proposed to be used at Rownall and that they should confirm whether or not slave labour is utilised by the particular manufacturer.

Best regards,

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