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Dear Sir

Regrettably a prior appointment prevents my attendance at Thursdays Planning Committee meeting.

I find it troubling that although draft development plans **are known to be in existence** National Grid have apparently chosen not to disclose them to SMDC.

Before presenting my final comments I must question why the Representatives of footpath organisations have not been consulted regarding this application. Surely this is a gross error!

The comments I made in my previous submission regarding this application are still very relevant. To add to my previous statement please find attached three photographs which I consider support my comment regarding the current lack of maintenance of Public Footpaths, by the applicant, on land in their ownership.

The location of the photographs is marked with an arrow on the attached extract from the Staffordshire County Councils PROW map.

The footpath in the photograph and marked on the map is Cheddleton FP 47.

I have also attached an extract from the Ordnance Survey 1:10560 sheet published in 1967. The kilometre square was surveyed in 1962 and represents a snapshot of the landscape and field layout and footpath layout prior to construction of the substation. It will be noted that footpaths were subsequently significantly diverted to accommodate the construction of the compound.

It would appear likely that a further diversion of FP47 will be required to accommodate the extension of the site however with no plans publicly available, to confirm the extent of the proposed development, it cannot be verified.

In the circumstances I consider that the committee should defer a decision pending receipt of a formal application and receipt of observations/ comments from the Footpath organisations.

Best regards

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