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Site Address: Land Adjoining New House Farm Luzlow Lane Bagnall Staffordshire ST9 9JZ Stoke-On-Trent

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Submission: Objection

Comments: I strongly OBJECT to this planning application on the following grounds:

- 1 - negative impact on local wildlife and loss of habitat
- 2 - negative impact on local community and residents due to noise , additional traffic etc during construction phase
- 3 - loss of Green Belt and farmland
- 4 - size and visual impact of proposed solar farm developments in the area is excessive
- 5 - there is negligible potential benefit to the local community from these developments
- 6 - loss of amenity and negative impact on the views in this area of natural beauty
- 7 - There seems no possibility of this so-called 'temporary' site being returned to agricultural use after its supposed future 'decommissioning', so the likelihood is that the entire site will become a quasi-industrial site forever. There are MANY alternative possibilities for small-medium scale solar power generation on industrial buildings and brownfield sites which are plentiful in Staffs Moorlands and in adjacent Stoke on Trent areas (put solar panels on the roof of the monstrous buildings along Stanley Matthews Way!!)
- 8 - The previous Government did not support large scale solar

The (former) Prime Minister stated on 17th April ,particularly at a time of increased geopolitical risk, we must protect our nation;s food security and therefore our most valuable agricultural land. We do want to see more solar, which is one of the cheapest forms of energy, but, as he said, on brownfield sites, rooftops and away from our best agricultural land. That is why our recently published national infrastructure planning rules set out the requirement for solar not to be placed on what is described as the best and most valuable versatile land where possible. The Secretaries of State for Energy Security and Net Zero and for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs are ensuring that developers and planning authorities strike the right balance so that we can deliver what my hon. Friend wants, which is more British food grown here at home.;

Justin Tomlinson (former) Minister for State for Energy Security and Net Zero stated on 16 April 2024 ,That is why it is clear in planning policy and guidance that solar projects should be directed to previously developed or non-greenfield land. That was the message we reinforced in the January national planning statement to ensure that we reduce unnecessary clustering.;. In no way does the proposed development of this site align with this statement.

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