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Submission: Objection

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Local parishioners feel hugely aggrieved and enormously vulnerable following the recent Secretary of State appeal decision reversal of the Moorlands District Council's call for an Environmental Impact Assessment on this massively compromised location concerning this, another, major Battery Storage application in Rownall.

We believe such a decision carries serious financial repercussions and implications for the SMDC as the Westminster charges are recharged to the District Council. In which case having also lost the appeal on SMD/2022/0574 Armshead Farm, it would seem such decisions set a worrying precedent for future considerations of the 4 remaining Major BESS applications surrounding the Rownall transformer station, all of which together with the 3 already approved, absolutely justify and demand an accumulative Environmental impact assessment?

In the circumstances, it seems outrageous that 6 major BESS applications can be presided upon in Council individually without any overall integrated plan and without any concern for the mounting cumulative impact on the environment and the immediate long suffering embedded local residential community.

Recognising that the 'cash strapped' SMDC can't continue to finance costly Secretary of State appeal losses, could we once again ask you at this most critical juncture, before it's too late, to commission your own overall impact Environmental assessment with the costs being met by the applicants, having regard to the building enormity of these 6 associated neighbouring major Battery Storage proposals?

Sincerely Ian Podmore

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On behalf of the Rownall & Bagnall Save the Green Belt Campaign

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