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Application Reference No. : NMA/2024/0027

Site Address: Land Adjacent Cellarhead Substation Rownall Road Wetley Rocks Staffordshire

Comments by: Joanne

From:

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Submission: Objection

Comments: I strongly object to this. Reading the information provided there are a number of significant changes and therefore I do not see how this can be classed as minor amendment?

There is an Increase in units and size of the site meaning that the planning application is now being scaled up from the original planning application. If you obtain planning permission for an extension you would not then consider an increase in size of the original application to be a minor amendment, it would be deemed that a new planning application should be submitted;

This planning application is non-compliant with current Fire & Rescue Regulations and it is highly disappointing that this amendment does not reflect this and seek to make changes to comply with these fire & safety regulations.

This is an opportunity for planning to step up and do the right thing, for the safety of local residents and as your duty of care to residents by rejecting this amendment and requesting a new application to comply with fire & safety regulations that were overlooked by the Planning dept at the time of the original planning application.

The footprint of the site is shown to be increased.

Changes to the buffer/bunds and the proposal of a New maintenance track should Not be considered a minor alteration.

It appears that all battery units will be larger to the original planning application granted.

The GIS substation will be larger in height and 4 no. extra satellite substations have been added, along with New stores & welfare containers.

The pond on the original application do not appear to be shown and omitted from this revised application.

How can the removal of 70 tonnes of soil be a minor amendment?

If this is passed it will set a precedent for the other BESS sites to do the same;

If these BESS companies are putting in planning permission they need to ensure the application is a viable set

up - the fact that they are saying this is not viable raising concerning questions as to whether the company know what they are doing? An architect drawing up plans for an extension in a house would not submit an unviable plan so why have this BESS company down that. Do they have the experience? This may be putting local homeowners and the local community at great risk not conforming to current fire & safety regulations.

This is Staffs Moorlands Planning Depts opportunity to put the local community first and reject this based on all the above.

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