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Site Address: LAND SOUTH OF CELLARHEAD SUBSTATION AND WEST OF Rownall Road Wetley
Rocks Staffordshire

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Submission: Objection

Comments: It is shocking to know that the land is within the Green Belt and good agricultural land and is being allowed to be ruined. This land will never be fit for use after the land has been polluted.

The Batteries onsite will create a considerable fire/explosion risk with hazard to health and life both human and wildlife. There are lots of evidence and examples of BESS all around the world that show the hazardous dangers that could happen. Why are these BESS sites not positioned away from local residents and protected common land or in areas of already high pollution such as industrial sites on industrial roofing or actually in the back garden of the people funding these planning applications as I'm sure they have the space and land.

The noise levels and light pollution from the site will disturb neighbouring households and the local area. The infrastructure of the area can not cope with the sheer scale of this operation, local village, 3 local schools in close proximity.

This site along with other proposed applications will endanger the local wildlife.

Planning and Government policy states that good quality farmland / Green Belt should be protected. Why are we even considering ruining our green belt farming land to line the pockets of the already wealthy. Who is to benefit from this colossal loss of farmland?

Government policy states that the accumulative effect needs to be considered on the local area with passed applications within the area surely enough is enough, just looking at the planning application map shows that Werrington/wetley rocks land will be predominantly BESS storage and associated works.

If passed, will make a mockery of the planning application and committee process as it seems to be more about how much money is thrown at the application, setting a precedent of disregard to how planning applications make an impact on neighbouring properties/areas. Planning rules could be ignored in the future as living on the doorstep of something so potentially dangerous overshadows minor objections on a residential scale.

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