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

Comments by: Bettina HibbittA Sure Start driving tuition

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Submission: Objection

Comments: 28 Quarry Close

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I'm a local resident and driving instructor in nearby Stockton Brook. I strongly object to this planning application and all others that are related to the proposed MASS industrialisation of our local Green Belt. The Council should be considering the cumulative IMPACT, that the ENORMOUS solar FACILITY will have on the area.

My main objections are planning related.

The construction and ongoing maintenance of the solar facility, if permitted, will have a massive impact on road safety in the area. The surrounding roads and access aren't suitable for such an enormous installation. The roads are narrow, have no pavements, have minimal passing places, have no where to turn around, have many sharp bends making them unsuitable for heavy HGV use and abnormal loads. The country lanes are frequented by pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders, learner and car drivers, farm vehicles and wildlife. The facility will put all road users lives at risk!

The Green Belt Act was put in place to prevent urban sprawl!

What we have is precious and should be protected at all costs, no amount of "habitat creation" by developers can replace it. The development risks ruining the land for future farming use....don't knowingly risk our future food security!

The construction and ongoing permanent installation will have significant and detrimental impact on our local wildlife habitats. We are mere caretakers of the land we live on, destruction for monetary gain should NOT be allowed! The risk of toxic waste release from fire or panel damage on the whole site is, as immense as the facility itself!

My rights to wander in the beautiful surrounding countryside will also be affected, with many public rights of way being on the proposed land. The facility's massive size and height is not appropriate for the much loved Staffordshire moorland location.

I object on safety grounds due to the location of a nearby housing estate.....the primary hazards of a BESS installation includes electrical related failures, electrocution, combustible gas release and explosion. Homeowners lives are at risk! Local people are NOT EXPENDABLE. The facility will also have a detrimental effect on their property prices, the stress that the facility will cause to local residents should be considered. The facility will not benefit the local residents at all, it will only line the pockets of the greedy few!

Mrs Bettina Hibbitt

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