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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: I strongly object to this large scale major industrial application on agricultural land in the Greenbelt.

The batteries onsite are a considerable fire and explosion risk posing serious risks to the health of locals and wildlife. There are many examples of BESS sites around the world that demonstrate the consequences of the risks. I have grave concerns regarding the fire/explosion risk when is such close proximity to peoples houses, animals and businesses such as The Play Barn, where there are regularly families with small children.

The infrastructure of the area can not cope with the sheer scale of this project. It will negatively impact the lives of people living in the surrounding area, due to associated risks, heavy industrial traffic, and noise. The lanes do not have the infrastructure to safely manage the traffic associated with this development. They barely manage with the current level of traffic.

It is detrimental to the wildlife of the area. Species such as bats, barn owls, hare, etc. are regularly seen by residents and again will be impacted due to disturbance and loss of habitat.

Why are all these applications not be reviewed as one. There are now 7 major BESS applications plus 1 Solar Industrial Site all within close proximity and the

cumulative effect must be considered.

Although I am very concerned that we need to develop new sustainable methods of creating power, these sites do not appear to be best option in their current form due not only due to the risks and damage of the construction of the sites, but also that caused globally in the making of the component parts. Are all parts of the BESS installation recyclable?

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