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

Comments by: Helen Bridgett

From:

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Submission: Objection

Comments: I strongly object to this application, the vast and cumulative, disproportionate size of the proposed site in the location of the 5 BESS sites and Huge Solar Farm.

· There will be harm and destruction to the landscape and impact the ecology, local wildlife, barn owls, curlews, deer, hares, foxes and bats in the area. It also destroys the Greenbelt which should be protected at all costs. Visually it will be an eyesore too.

· There will be a high risk of fire, which can lead to an explosion, thermal runaway and toxic clouds! Residents will also have to endure noise and disruption to their lives!

· I strongly object to this planning application. SMDC can no longer look at all these applications as separate projects. These projects which are now totalling somewhere in the region of 400 acres must be looked at on a cumulative basis. In total this area is now subjected to:

662 Battery Containers 40ft long shipping containers

141 Transformers

329 Inverters all humming away together along with all associated fan/cooling equipment

· All applications so far have been assessed on an individual basis! How can that be when all these sites are all in close proximity of one another and with 2 sites already passed.

· Noise and impact assessments have been disregarded as not necessary. Why? I can only hope that your Environmental Health section is well staffed to deal with the high number of ensuing complaints should this application be passed.

· All these applications should be deferred until a full and accurate EIA has been carried out and further information is available on the safety of this equipment. It is your statutory duty to protect the Staffordshire Moorland residents and unless a thorough EIA is produced covering all sites, then you are not complying to your required duty of care!

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