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Subject: SMD/2024/0055- Land South of Cellarhead Substation and West of Down all Road
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OBJECTION

I object to this application for the following reasons -

1. The sheer size of the proposed solar farms, it's batteries, containers, security fencing on what is green belt and essential agricultural land. I consider that it would be fundamental immoral for SMDC to consider the applications for each site as separate entities. These applications are not seperate, covering I understand in excess of 400 acres. No one is being fooled by seperate applications being made on the part of the applicant . I can only conclude that they feel somehow SMDC will fail to comprehend how big and negatively impactful this application is.

2. I currently use this location for leisure purposes, horse riding and walking. It's current visual rural nature is a great support for my mental health. I object to the area being industrialised, urbanized and due to increased traffic unsafe. As I mentioned previously the location is a rural one, with narrow and winding lanes, many without pavements.

3. There are a number of brownfield areas in Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent, these should and must be utilised rather than taking away green belt. Once green belt and it's nature is compromised, it will be lost for ever.

I would again like to reiterate my objection to this application and the other applications running in parallel as being totally unsuitable for this location, it's residents and the wider community. At one time SMDC in its Master plan made much of drawing tourists into the area due to its rural nature and so doing correspondingly improving employment opportunities for its residents. Covering the location with 400 acres of glass will put an end to all of SMDC 's previous aspirations. SMDC has a duty to act in the best interest of its residents, current and future ones and must open its eyes to the cumulative destruction of the Churnet Valley.

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