

Subject: Re: NMA/2024/0027
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Hi Bruce,

Many thanks for sending in your comments to me.

The best thing to do is submit these views to the planning department so can be properly considered.

I've copied them into this reply.

Best wishes,

Joe

Cllr Joe Porter
District Councillor for Brown Edge & Endon
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From: bruce jarvest
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 2:03:30 AM
To: Porter, Joe (Cllr)
Subject: NMA/2024/0027

Dear Councillor Porter

May I start by saying I genuinely have concerns for climate change, net zero and also British farming so hence I wish to bring to your attention the proposed BESS at Rownall which is one of many which you will be aware of in the Moorlands. The non material amendment for this proposal raises a number of concerns which I feel all public servants locally or with a planning role should be contacted about. The authority we the voters give you and your colleagues comes with a responsibility to do what is right and in the public interest especially of the community you serve in the Moorlands and more widely the County so I respectfully ask you read below.

The NMA changes are very significant and very much "material changes" this site will be one of the biggest in the UK, while just going to planning on 12th December is another

application for one 2.5 times as big again literally next to it! (there are 8 BESS application at various stages of planning within half a mile radius of Cellarhead substation a veritable UK mecca for BESS)

SMD 2022/0444 & the associated NMA 2024/0027 development should never have be allowed on this particular site due to the unnecessary damage to the site itself, local environment and especially due amount of material handing which is by most normal peoples standards an insane amount. Also there are residents living within very close proximity .

I've gone through all the various documents and the total volume of the soil, clay and bedrock waste matter being removed from this single BESS site is 84,970 m² , this by the planner's own admission with excavations of 9m deep in parts!. This figure is in the supporting text of their application documents and material management papers. On top of this is a small amount of m³ of soil/ clay/ bedrock which will also be removed under each battery for their foundations. So lets say just for simple maths 85,000 m³

Document 3 "Proposed Development Plans" describes the intention to remove waste matter across the road to a >0.5Ha field area by "Little Spink", just north of Rownall. Some simple maths, 85,000m³ spread evenly over 5000m = 17m. Assuming straight sides the deposited material would create a new geographical local feature... a 17m high hill. Now of course a straight sided pile of soil and clay and bedrock wont conveniently behave so the base will either be larger that 5000m² of the pile will be taller...

Another option would be to spread this over say 10 acres so thats 40,460m² to a depth of 2m?

Oh and finally excavating 84,970m³ when originally compact becomes more like say 110,000 m³ lose matter when deposited albeit over time and with a heck of a lot of rolling would diminish somewhat to nearer 85,000m²?

It would be comical if it was not so utterly wrong - reinstatement of the pasture in 25 years is dishonest because it wont happen, and to say material management will take place in a positive way is simply put ... a lie, this is just environmental vandalism when there are better sites in the UK.

Talking with local fire brigade staff as it also has a single access road they would not deploy firemen into the BESS as in their words "it is too dangerous" and would likely let it burn - which could become a disastrous situation especially as there are residents living so very close to the site.

As a minimum a better site without such excavations and with 2 access roads should be found if it must happen here in the Moorlands.

Thank you for your time

Regards Bruce Jarvest
Concerned local landowner

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