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### **URGENT**

#### **Staffordshire Moorlands District Council approval of SMD/2024/0055 On 12/12/24**

So, it appears the Council Planning Committee have just approved the construction of the biggest Battery Storage site in this country without the maximum Mega Wattage Storage capacity being known, declared, or restricted by any conditions applied and without any concern for the cumulative residential impacts arising from the 3 similar already approved battery storage sites in the immediate neighbourhood!

In so doing, consent appears to have been also given inadvertently to the further 'changed use' of the former agricultural shed on Unit 8 at Wayfields Park for an unknown associated operational/storage use despite the very close proximity to a dozen or so residential properties, only yards away along Rownall Road.

According to the applicants volunteered technical representative's explanation at the hearing, the described 400MW application relates to the amount of electricity that can be transferred at any one time, between the facility and the National Grid not as previously thought, the size of the retained maximum battery electrical charge stored on site!

Previous correspondence *before the hearing*, drew your attention to the critical importance of determining the maximum retained battery storage capacity on this site which is of course directly proportionate to the very real size of the risk exposure forced upon the extremely near residents.

This gross failing in the Planning Officers report resulted in the complete misrepresentation of the facts resulting in an unsound

recommendation arising from this key omission which, influenced the lay-councillors vote. In the circumstances, the local residents and their advisers, insist that this decision must now be deemed 'null and void' and referred back to the planning Committee for a rehearing.

The maximum on site Mega Wattage storage capacity must not only be declared but also controlled and restricted, by way of planning conditions if this application is to be approved after further due consideration by the Committee.

This communication demands and necessitates an immediate response to the points raised in this email confirming the action the Council are committed to take.

Sincerely

On behalf of the Rownall & Bagnall Save the Green Belt Campaign.

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