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Dear Sirs

Bagnall Parish Council is not a formal consultee regarding this application, given the proximity of the proposed development to our Parish it has been drawn to our attention by the action committee.

We make the following observations.

A brief review of the submitted documents has noted that both the battery and transformer drawings have recently been placed on to the planning department website (18/12/2024). We note that neither are fully dimensioned and do not exhibit a scale bar - consequently it is not possible for us to accurately measure from the plans.

Reference to the two layout plans we observe that the footprint of the proposed new development is clearly significantly larger. The diagonal dimension of the compound for SMD/2022/0444 is measured at 190 metres whereas the new application NMA/2024/0027 is some 240 metres an increase we calculate of around 25%.

The size of the substation is 1334 m² for NMA 2024/0027 against 702m² for SMD/2022/0444 (Almost a doubling of the area required).

We note from documentation supplied that the transformers themselves are larger. We also note the very significant increase of the site capacity from 349 MW previously (SMD/2022/0444) to a proposed 624 MW (NMA/2024/0027). A nearly doubling of the capacity.

We consider that the above, which we would add do not represent a complete list of the significant differences between the two applications, are sufficient to conclude that the proposed change is a significant increase (variation) which can not at all be described as "De Minimis" and accordingly we consider that the Planning Authority has no option other than to **decline the application NMA/2024/0027**.

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Vice Chair Bagnall Parish Council.
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