

The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/B3438/W/24/3351328

DETAILS OF THE CASE

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Appeal By ANESCO LTD

Site Address
Land Off Bemersley Road
Brown Edge
Staffordshire
ST6 8UL

SENDER DETAILS

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ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- ☐ Appellant
- ☐ Agent
- ☒ Interested Party / Person
- ☐ Land Owner
- ☐ Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- ☐ Final Comments
- ☐ Proof of Evidence
- ☐ Statement
- ☐ Statement of Common Ground
- ☒ Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- ☐ Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I am objecting to this application for the following reasons:-

Residents should not be expected to be surrounded by the development of two Battery Energy Storage Systems in one village.

Anesco clearly state that there is no policy or legislative requirement to consider alternative sites

They claim there are no suitable or available non-Green Belt sites which could accommodate the proposed development - There is already a BESS approved in Ball Green, on a Brownfield site just 850 metres away from this site.

This proposed development would need connect into the grid at the same point that the approved BESS is.

The noise assessment still says that those living in close proximity will be subject to INCREASED noise levels – this is wholly inappropriate to residential developments.

Anesco's own noise assessment states that any impacts will be "localised in nature and in the worst-case scenario limited despite the size of the development" – this demonstrates absolute disregard for local residents living in a rural environment . This is inappropriate development of designated Green Belt which is shared with the city of Stoke on Trent. It will result in a change to the visual openness of the Site. Development of this type and magnitude is not consistent with local planning frameworks.

Incidents of serious fire and explosions, which release toxic gases, at other battery storage units suggest that there is a danger to the public and

this site is within proximity of two primary schools

The Fire Safety report clearly states that a fire would be left to burn out as it cannot be extinguished.

The Fire Safety report states there will be "pull in bays" for Fire Engines – the only access to this site is on a BLIND bend of a narrow county lane.

Any fire would cause irreparable damage and pollution to the River Trent and Cauldon Canal .

The storage of electricity is NOT increasing the production of energy from renewable sources, it simply allows those who own the BESS to profit from the resale of stored electricity.

The site is of significant value with the valley being home to various animals, flora and fauna

Rotating and moving the proposed units nearer to the Western boundary allegedly to ensure it is less visible from the Eastern boundary will NOT stop the site from being seen, and simply moves it closer to those living on Bemersley Road.

Travel to and from the site during 36 weeks of construction will increase the risk of accident in the area. Up to 10 articulated lorries will have to travel via Norton Lane, past a school, through Norton and the village of Ball Green, over speed humps and using lanes with weight and speed restrictions on them. Also past a doctors surgery that has no pavement outside and is used by almost everyone in the village .

The removal of our hedgerows is an unacceptable loss, and against SMDC policy.