

- 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 where population levels are less.
- 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.**
- The very special circumstances required by the National Planning Policy Framework are not met as the **NPPF has NOT been amended, it is only SUGGESTED that it COULD be.**
- Development of this type and magnitude is not consistent with local planning frameworks.
- Battery storage units and related equipment are well documented to be **a fire hazard.**
- Incidents of serious fire and explosions, which release toxic gases, at other battery storage units suggest that there is a **danger to the public.**
- 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 Caudon Canal** because of the debris from smoke and ash that would emanate from the site.
- 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 Easter boundary will NOT stop the site from being seen, and simply **moves it closer to those living on Bemersley Road.**
- It is still **FALSE** to say it will be unseen as **planting will take 15 years to grow** before it shields anything. Their own assessment still clearly states that the **impact will be "moderately ADVERSE"** reducing to "minor adverse" AFTER 15 years.
- 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.**
- The removal of our hedgerows is an unacceptable loss, and against SMDC policy
- Anesco's own provided information is flawed and contradictory