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Site Address: Land Adjacent Cellarhead Substation Rownall Road Wetley Rocks Staffordshire

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Comments: NMA/2024/0027 referring to approved application SMD/2022/0444 -400MW

﻿Attention Executive Directors and members of the LPA Planning Committee.

This application is an outright attempt to fundamentally change this already approved Battery Storage site revealing now a new very different applicant, a wholly owned UK subsidiary of the giant US Corporation

website (copied below) announces they've recently paid £195.5m for the contract to deliver and service this Battery Storage site long term at Cellarhead, better described as Rownall's Green Belt!

This considerably elevates risks for the local community as local ownership responsibility, control, accountability and of course the enormous profits generated all pass overseas Is this likely to be the ultimate destiny for all 7 proposed major sized Battery Storage Sites in Rownall?

This is no 'Non Material Amendment' it's a blatant attempt to significantly extend the site, increase the size of the 96 shipping container sized battery banks and raises the storage capacity from 400MW as approved, to now a maximum of 624MW, a whopping 56% increase! That presumably also necessitates the assumed undeclared proportionate increase in transformer capacity requiring a bigger transformer station.

My own specialist sector planning advisers describe this as a deliberate 'try on' known in professional planning circles as, 'the Mission Creep move'!

As this decision carries such enormous detrimental consequences for the local residential community and still NOT compliant with current Fire and Safety criteria nor showing any provision for toxic water separation and its safe removal we consider this presumptive application must now be 'Called In'!

In any event, this application cannot be left irresponsibly, as a 'delegated decision', members of the Planning Committee must review and be held responsible for their decision.

Sent on behalf of the 'Save Rownall and Bagnall Green Belt Campaign'

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