
From: Ian Podmore
Sent: 04 November 2024 12:25
To: Jane Curley

Subject: Re: NMA/2024/0027

Jane,

The residents are indeed very concerned by this highly intrusive proposed development and amendments which do not deliver any local community improvements or reduced residential risks!

Besides the very considerable removal of our existing open unobscured landscape and 70,000 tonnes of soil, this plan of course is not compliant with current Fire and Rescue regulation which we would have thought might have been the first material amendment priority?!

Looking at the revised site plan, it seems the siting of the attenuation pond is now

much larger and located on the bigger field at a higher level field immediately east of the operating battery bank rather than previously in the small triangular field south of the battery complex fronting on Rownall Road immediately opposite the ancient Rownall Coppice of the former Rownall Hall, my property.

The corner of Rownall Road at the entrance of Rownall Hall Farm is already prone to severe winter flooding (see attached photo). If this retention pond is to be made now much bigger it will require a pumping facility and some means of ensuring that any polluted toxic water in event of any fire, is collected and not allowed to enter the water course.

In the circumstances, as this development still retains an unsuitable single site entrance and exit as well of an out of date fire and safety layout and an unresolved water collection and retention plan, we believe that this amendment should be refused necessitating entire reapplication ensuring compliance with current standards?

Please also take into consideration that the entire length of Rownall Road, not shown on the applicants plan, does bend round at the entrance to Rownall Hall Farm bordering the entire length of the southern boundary of this site and at the point where it passes the entrance of Rownall Ridge formerly Rownall Hall the corner of the operating battery bank is only 40meters from the public highway and the closest residential properties.

The very near residents and members of the Rownall and Bagnall Save the Green Belt Campaign request that some overall impact assessment of the cumulative impact the now proposed 7 major neighbouring Battery storage sites and a 170 acre Rownall Solar farm are taken into wry careful consideration before it's too late.

Regards Ian Podmore
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Sent on behalf of the Rownall and Bagnall Save the Green Belt Campaign



On 4 Nov 2024, at 11:16, Admin wrote:

Good Morning Jane,

I would be most grateful if you could assist with the following. The above NMA draws reference to an Application Cover letter from the Application form. This does not seem to have been included in the download documents. I would be most grateful if you could forward a copy or upload a copy to the application. As local residents, we are extremely concerned over this application as it does not meet the required regulations and any changes to the approved application is of great concern.

After studying the application and the removal of the 70,000+ tonnes of soil and clay from the site, not only is this a massive intrusion into the countryside but the 12,000 journeys back and forth will play havoc with the local road system. I do hope someone has given this great thought!

I look forward to receiving the copy of the application letter detailing the NMA changes.

Kind Regards
On Behalf of the Save our Green Belt Group
