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The applicants own technical explanation given at the hearing of SMD/2024/0055 revealed significant new information that the generic description of this and that application as a 400 MW BESS refers only to the amount of electrical energy (400MW) that can be transferred at any one time, between facilities, and not as previously assumed the maximum energy storage capacity of the site!

This explains why the largest Battery Storage site now approved in the UK, SMD/2024/0055, with 248 shipping container sized battery storage containers is still described as a 400MW facility despite being 2 ½ times larger than the already approved application SMD/2022/0444 with just 96 shipping container sized battery containers, also described as a 400MW site?

It also explains exactly why the newly assigned contracting applicant, an overseas based operating and delivery company, are now trying to legitimise a further increase in battery storage MW capacity by way of increasing the size of the already approved 96 battery storage containers rather than increasing the number of containers. NMA/2024/0027 therefore represents a very material amendment, still without any disclosure of the intended planned maximum MW storage capacity?!

In the circumstances, since it appears now that unconditional approval has been inadvertently given to SMD/2024/0055 without any restrictions or declarations referring to the maximum amount of Mega Wattage Storage, the Planning Committee should take extreme care backed by independent technical advice to avoid

another similar attempt. To grant consent without clarification would only result again in another unrestricted and uncontrolled maximum battery capacity site situation, leading to a directly proportionate increased safety risk and potential harm to the remarkably close residential properties and the environment.

If any further amendment is to be approved, it should at least include a condition to bring this site's Fire and Rescue standards inline with the 2023 current ruling criteria recognising this site presently is not compliant considering the nearest of the 96 battery containers are only 40 metres from the closest embedded residential properties!

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

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