

Consultation Response Form

Consultation from: Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	Contact: Rosie Dinnen
Your reference: SMD/2024/0556	Our reference: N/A
Received date: 04/02/2025	Response date: 05/02/2025
Application Type: No Comment Response	Case Officer: Isabelle Spencer
Description of Proposed Development: Development of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with ancillary infrastructure, security fence, access, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements, to provide balancing services to the local electricity grid.	
Location of Development: Land at Newfields Farm, Rownall Road, Wetley Rocks.	
Reasons for Exemption from Safeguarding Policies: [See Table 7 of Appendix 6 to the Minerals Local Plan for details] None	
Mineral Safeguarding Areas (MSA):	-Bedrock Sand -Coal Low Risk Area
Mineral Infrastructure Site nearby: N/A	
Waste Safeguarding considerations: N/A	
Waste Management Facilities nearby: N/A	
Relevant extract from our Standing Advice: Development that is temporary or easily removed, and involves minimal disturbance of the ground, such as poly tunnels, caravan parks, solar panels, or battery storage facility, is unlikely to create a significant safeguarding issue.	
Recommendation Summary: No Comment	
Details and Reasoning: The submitted planning statement demonstrates that the development of the proposed battery energy storage system would be temporary in nature and have a temporary operating period. Therefore, the Mineral and Waste Planning Authority would conclude that the development involves limited disturbance of the ground with battery storage units. The construction of the site is reversible, thereby meaning that there would be no permanent mineral sterilisation.	
NOTE TO PLANNING OFFICER Finally, I wish to take this opportunity to remind you of the policy requirement (as detailed in Policy 1.2 of the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Local Plan , and as supported by paragraph 8 of the National Planning Policy for Waste) to make better use of waste associated with non-waste related development. In accordance	

with Policy 1.2, all 'major development' proposals (as defined in the [Town and Country Planning \(Development Management Procedure\) \(England\) Order 2015](#), or any subsequent changes/revisions) should:

- i. Use / Address waste as a resource;
- ii. Minimise waste as far as possible;
- iii. Demonstrate the use of sustainable design and construction techniques, i.e.: resource-efficiency in terms of sourcing of materials, construction methods, and demolition;
- iv. Enable the building to be easily decommissioned or reused for a new purpose; and enable the future recycling of the building fabric to be used for its constituent material;
- v. Maximise on-site management of construction, demolition and excavation waste arising during construction;
- vi. Make provision for waste collection to facilitate, where practicable, separated waste collection systems; and,
- vii. Be supported by a site waste management plan / waste audit if the development is likely to generate significant volumes of waste *

* updated to take account of Planning Practice Guidance – [Waste – Determining planning applications](#) - paragraph 049 - Should significant developments include a waste audit?