

The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/B3438/W/24/3351328

DETAILS OF THE CASE

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Appeal By ANESCO LTD

Site Address
Land Off Bemersley Road
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ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- ☐ Appellant
- ☐ Agent
- ☒ Interested Party / Person
- ☐ Land Owner
- ☐ Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- ☐ Final Comments
- ☐ Proof of Evidence
- ☐ Statement
- ☐ Statement of Common Ground
- ☒ Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- ☐ Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

Ball Green Battery Energy Storage System

Application Code: SMD/2022/0076

Planning Reference: 3351328

Where is the science relating to the improvement of fire control or management, as as can be evidenced, from many examples world wide, the current advice to fire services is to close the area off and let it burn.

Where is the impact statement on the damage that Lithium Iron battery fires cause to the local population and to the ground and immediate area. These historical fires must have been investigated.

Where are the studies relating to the above lithium getting into the water table. This proposed site literally stands not close to but on a tributary to the Trent, which later flows through many highly populated areas.

How will this project impact the local grid and how long will it take to upgrade the current system so it has the capacity to deal with it. This area already has sub-standard systems and controls. I base this on the fact that we constantly have power cuts. From a personal point of view, being that I have only electrical power (no gas or oil) when the power goes down then I am effectively living in a cave (no lights, no heating, nowhere to cook).

So what times scale is national grid putting on the upgrade of the local infrastructure. My suspicion is that they are thinking, "oh we'll wait until it goes wrong and then fix it." if this is the case then I guarantee that they will still be playing catchup when the battery farm closes down. And we will have had x number of years of mayhem.

As for building any industrial infrastructure on a greenfield site when there is so many brownfield sites available in this country is just repugnant and wrong. Given the population of this country, compared to its size, we should be treating all green areas as sacrosanct, this is more so when that land can be used to supply food. Rich fertile land needs to be protected. People may want more luxury, more gadgets that require power, cheaper power, but they cannot survive without food. The greenfield laws that were implemented in the last century, for reasons that are still relevant, should re-enforced, not just binned because of a current political fad. Why are we assuming that in the next forty years more power is more important that food security.

Is the access from Woodhouse Lane going to prohibited to this site, because the nature of the road, the incline down the valley side and fact that numerous springs put a lot of water onto this road, which when it freezes will make access problematic for 3 months of the year.

How will the traffic management from Bemersley Road be managed, (lights, roundabout etc) and will the road itself be improved. At the moment is has many potholes and sleeping policemen. With addition of heavy construction traffic this will become dangerous in a very short time.

Although my objections are specifically related to this installation, I have problems generally with both the science and the rushed way in which these are being rolled out country wide. The huge number that are being planned, country wide, will lead to many problem supply and implementation.

The pilots that have been built already, were done under tight restriction and adherence to all relevant guidance. The hurried rush to greatly improve the capacity will inevitably lead to corners being cut and mistakes being made.

We only moved into this property in June 2023, and as usual, at that time did the full suite of searches that are require and this matter did not up, it is only by way of a random email from a local councillor

that we became aware. This was only at the appeal stage. This would have impacted our decision to buy, as a consequence I assume that other people will be similarly effected.

At the time of writing this, there is no access to the information or reports that should have been available. A number of people, including myself, have tried to access it today (24 Jan) and Staffordshire Moorlands District Councils system won't allow access to any of the relevant documents. I am informed that previously this system has worked so I can only presume it has been switched off prematurely.

As a result I reserve the right to continue my research and raise any further issues that come up. I think this is only reasonable.

I would also like to add that as at 1630hrs on the required date the system is refusing to allow a full and proper submission

James Bishop

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