

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
Brown Edge
Staffordshire
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SENDER DETAILS

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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

Brown Edge Parish Council wish to uphold their objection logged in April 2022 (please see below). If a decision is made to overturn the previous decision of SMDC to decline the application, the Parish Council would like an explanation of the reasons for the change to approval. The Council feel strongly that it should not proceed to be profitable to individual farmers and to the National Grid at the detriment to the Green Belt and Staffordshire Moorlands Countryside. If the decision is overturned new consultation needs to be done to agree screening to preserve the landscape and to enhance biodiversity. The Council also would expect to see a Community benefit agreement negotiated to support the communities of Norton Green, Ball Green and Brown Edge.

Yours sincerely
Denise Wheat
Clerk

Submission: Objection

Comments: 6th April 2022 ☐ Brown Edge Parish Council

Planning Application SMD/2022/0076 in Brown Edge ☐ OBJECTION

Dear Planning Officers and Planning Committee at SMDC.

Brown Edge Parish Council resolved to object to the application for construction of a temporary 49.35MW battery

storage facility, to include a compound, a DNO control room, a customer substation. security fencing, landscaping

and other associated infrastructures for the Following reasons:

The development is proposed in the Green Belt and additionally contributes as Urban sprawl into the Vale between

Stoke-on-Trent and Brown Edge on the border of the Staffordshire Moorlands. This green space identifies the start

of the Moorlands District and is what makes the region special. It is start of the Staffordshire Moorlands characteristic landscape.

The Battery Storage proposed location is in the proximity to the River Trent, which would mean the spread of any

pollution which could potentially occur. This would be a serious threat to ecology along the Trent river course

through Norton Green and into the Potteries and beyond.

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The location of the proposed development is of a low elevation, meaning it will be visible and unsightly for many

years to come for residents in Brown Edge, as vegetation will take a long time to grow. It would be out of character

with the surrounding farmland in the valley.

Please take these comments on behalf of the Parish of Brown Edge into consideration.

Yours sincerely

Denise Wheat

Clerk to Brown Edge Parish Council