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Jane Curley
Principal Planning Officer
High Peak Borough Council and
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

Please ask for: Michelle Peart

Your ref: SMD/2024/0055

Our ref: PCU/CONS/B3438/3359245

Date: 5 February 2025

Dear Ms Curley

The Town and Country Planning (Consultation) (England) Direction 2024

Application by S & C Energy Limited for erection of a Flexible Energy Facility, associated works, landscaping, and habitat creation at Land south of Cellarhead substation and West of Rownall Road, Wetley Rocks, Staffordshire (application no: SMD/2024/0055).

I refer to your e-mail of 16 January 2024, referring to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government ("The Secretary of State") an application for planning permission for the above development.

The Secretary of State has carefully considered policy on calling in planning applications, as set out in the Written Ministerial Statement dated 26 October 2012. The policy makes it clear that the power to call in a case will only be used very selectively. This policy also gives examples of the types of issues which may lead her to conclude, in her opinion that the application should be called in.

The Secretary of State has decided not to call in this application. She is content that it should be determined by the local planning authority.

In considering whether to exercise the discretion to call in this application, the Secretary of State has not considered the matter of whether this application is EIA Development for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental

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Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The local planning authority responsible for determining this application remains the relevant authority responsible for considering whether these Regulations apply to this proposed development and, if so, for ensuring that the requirements of the Regulations are complied with.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Peart

Michelle Peart- Decision Officer
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This decision was made by officials on behalf of the Secretary of State and signed on her behalf.