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The Planning Inspectorate
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Our Ref: KB52764

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Appeal Reference – APP/B3438/W/24/3351328 – SMD/2022/0076 – Proposed battery storage facility in Ball Green

I understand that the applicant in the above planning application has appealed against the decision to refuse the application at Staffordshire Moorlands District Council. A number of my constituents have contacted me concerned that the original decision may be overturned.

They have many concerns, which can be summarised to be in three areas, the impact, both individually and cumulatively, on the Green Belt, traffic and safety concerns and noise pollution.

- Impact on the Green Belt – the application is in an area of the Green Belt that separates the City of Stoke-on-Trent from the Staffordshire Moorlands. It can be seen from the Peak District National Park and is a much-valued part of country for both those living in the city and the nearby rural villages. My constituents are very concerned to protect the Green Belt. They also worry that the cumulative impact of these applications is properly considered.
- Traffic and safety – the access to the site is down a narrow lane with inherent dangers for passing traffic. My constituents are concerned that, in particular during the construction phase, there will be a large number of HGVs and other construction traffic using unsuitable country lanes.
- Noise pollution and impact on the environment – people who live close to the site worry that the noise from the site and fire risks are properly taken into account.

I hope you will consider my constituents' concerns in your decision.

Yours faithfully

The Rt Hon Dame Karen Bradley MP

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