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Application Reference No. : SMD/2024/0556 Site Address: Land at Newfields Farm Rownall Road Wetley Rocks
Staffordshire ST9 0BS Stoke On Trent Comments by: Dean bickerton
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Submission: Objection

Comments: I am writing to formally object to the proposed installation of a Battery Energy Storage System

(BESS) which is in close proximity to residential homes, businesses, and within the designated greenbelt.

The proposed BESS sites are dangerously close proximity to homes, businesses and protected wildlife areas.

BESS facilities come

with huge risks such as fire and potential toxic emissions. The close proximity to homes and businesses

increases the

risk of harm to public safety, property, and livelihoods in the event of an incident. It seems that there a

dangerous incidents on a regular basis which involve evacuation of residents/businesses. Who is then held

responsible for the health & safety and welfare when such incidents occur. To say that it won't happen is not

enough. What are the long term affects of exposure to any explosions/fires/toxic fumes? Who is liable for

subsequent health issues? Who will be held accountable? These sites pop up under businesses whom set up the

site and then sell to foreign investors for profit who don't care about the consequences long term.

The site falls within protected greenbelt land, which is intended to prevent urban sprawl and preserve natural

habitats. The installation of BESS sites in this area contradicts the core principles of greenbelt protection. Such

developments could cause irreversible harm, disturb wildlife, and alter the natural landscape. This is contrary to

both national and local planning policies designed to protect greenbelt areas from inappropriate development.

The construction on greenbelt land undermines the very principles of environmental sustainability.

BESS installations often require large-scale cooling and operational systems that can generate noise and heat.

This creates a disturbance to nearby residents/businesses and wildlife in a rural area! Noise pollution should not be acceptable for BESS sites for companies to profiteer from.

The sheer size of the proposed/appealed and already approved BESS sites is absolutely astonishing and other already passed/proposed should be reconsidered for refusal.

Our tiny village can not even cope with the construction phase of the proposed BESS and it will have a detrimental impact on the local village and surrounding community. These impacts include increased traffic and noise, dust and pollution and damage to roads. Village roads are not designed for the volume and weight of construction traffic, the road conditions are already the worst they have been. Some single track lanes will not and should not have to tolerate.

We need to protect our green belt spaces and farming land. This seems like corruption at the highest level for all to see, the only people 'green energy' is saving money is the companies who already make billions in profit all whilst our energy bills increase 3-4 times annually. Where is the 'saving' happening. It's not, it's fraud whilst ruining our land!!!

Governments/councils should be held accountable should these applications gain approval within already corrupt local planning committees.

In conclusion, I believe that this proposal poses unacceptable risks to public safety, the environment, and the character of the greenbelt and the only benefit is to line company/council pockets.

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