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Submission: Objection

Comments: The will have a massive detrimental effect on this beautiful rural area, this is agricultural land and should be preserved as such. The wildlife population will suffer massively due to the size of the proposed installation, birds mistake the panels for water swooping in with deadly consequences, it will erode surrounding wildliffes natural habitat again with deadly consequences.

Being so close the homes the noise will impact on all the surrounding homeowners causing stress, lack of sleep and having an impacting on peoples general wellbeing. It is an inappropriate development within the Green Belt a fire hazards with toxic gas emissions.

Once one is passed there will inevitably be more, this is just a money making scheme!

I recently attended a presentation by the national grid at Wetley Rocks Village Hall over a small extension to our local power station, when there I asked about the local planning applications for battery and solar, their representatives said there are currently more applications for battery and solar farms than they need or could cope with. I reiterated that this is just a greedy man's way of making silly money with lack of concern for environmental issues and fires safety to surrounding area as there is only one point of access into the site contrary to Fire & Safety recommendations the UK National Fire Chief guidelines recommend 2 access points to the site plus a roadway for access and turning.

There are brownfield sites and industrial wasteland sites that should be considered before green belt land.

It is the responsibility of this Council to refuse this proposal and re direct to industrial sites, installing solar panels on the roofs of industrial units, parking facilities etc.

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