

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

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Submission: Objection

Comments: I wish to strongly object to this latest iteration of a previously rejected application.

I object primarily as this is inappropriate development within the green belt and does not meet the very special circumstances criteria to justify its approval.

I once again ask that SMDC pause all these BESS applications until a comprehensive cumulative impact assessment is carried out around this large cluster of applications. The true impact of these developments cannot be measured when taken on an individual basis and need to be considered holistically.

Clearly this development also constitutes loss of productive agricultural farmland.

There are obvious safety concerns from the previous application which I do not believe has been adequately mitigated.

The existing Cellarhead substation will also require further extensions to accommodate the infrastructure required to connect this to the main grid and should therefore be a consideration with regard to this application.

The local opposition to these should be given due consideration and councillors need to be mindful that part of their role is to represent their constituents and reflect their views.

I can see no reason why this application should be treated any differently from the previously rejected application and therefore ask that this one is also rejected to protect our Moorlands and its precious greenbelt.

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