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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: Jo paterson
From:

Armshead road
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Submission: Objection

Comments: This proposal is directly behind my home, the home I bought for my children to enjoy clean fresh air, beautiful views and access to viewing wildlife. There are deer, protected red kite birds we watch from our windows, numerous birds of prey, horses that enjoy the fields and surrounding roads for hacking. This proposal will ruin the wildlife and is highly likely to create a huge impact of pollution in the construction of the site. The infrastructure surrounding is not suitable for heavy vehicles bringing in the large shipping containers, the noise of BESS is constant and will again impact the local wildlife as well as us as neighbours trying to live with this behind our property. The risk of fire will cause unnecessary stress and worry and will certainly impact our property due to the close proximity of the proposal and the surrounding roads are not suitable for fire engines to access this site timely or safely and the toxic emissions damaging the environment and my families health and everyone else that lives in this area. This is greenbelt land. The fields surrounding are used by farmers who are currently baling large volumes of grass for hay and haylage, the land is used and it is likely this will cease with the proposed building works, digging works, construction and that is just to make it a site for the workers to start putting in the BESS.

The development will be prominent to the users of the public right of way footpaths.

Harmful effect on the visual amenities of the countryside.

One point of access into the site contrary to Fire & Safety recommendations which leads to concerns for the overall safety of the site. Please don't allow this in our area, these sites should be carefully selected within brown belt not green belt land.

Lack of demonstrated need.

Promoted as green energy which is untrue, it's a trading operation.

UK National Fire Chief guidelines recommend 2 access points to the site plus a roadway for access and turning.

Application update

This is being heard at the planning committee on Thursday 19th June - it helps if people are in the chambers to hear it discussed and if we have a presence at the site for the visit in the morning (we will put more detail up soon)

As predicted another application has been submitted, this time for a BESS site at Cellarhead crossroads (SMD/2025/0250) - where will it end

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