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I OBJECT to this planning application for a Non-Material Amendment to the wording of Condition 15 for the following reasons.

This development affects the community as a whole, it's been altered and modified so many times under various NMA's that it's totally changed the original application which was approved. It is a major material change, without this MMP who knows where all this extra soil and waste is going? It changes the core aspect and conflicts with the original planning permission.

The condition 15 implemented by the planning authority was for a valid reason and that reason still stands - "IN THE INTERESTS OF THE CHARACTER AND APPEARANCE OF THE AREA" No development shall commence including site stripping and clearance until such time that a MMP that defines the excavation and bund formation processes and provides detailed drawings of the proposed raised earthworks has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED DETAILS.

DOC/2024/0069 Discharge of Condition 15 was submitted and REFUSED for the following reasons - 1. It is not considered that the deposition of waste as described in the Rural Planning Compliance Report is development permitted.

2. It has not been demonstrated that the deposition of surplus material from the application site in the manner proposed in the Rural Planning Compliance Report can be achieved WITHOUT HARM TO THE CHARACTER AND APPEARANCE OF THE AREA contrary to policies DC1 and DC3 of The Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan and the NPPF.

Staffordshire County Council made a note to the planning officer - Regarding the submitted MMP clarification is sought on the disposal of excavated materials and how that material would be made readily available for the restoration of the site to pre-development conditions. Proposals for off site disposal of excavated materials would suggest that those materials would not be available to restore the site and could involve waste development requiring a separate planning permission.

This Condition 15 is crucial and should under no circumstances be altered or changed in any way, shape or form. The Local Planning Authority must consider the cumulative effect of this proposed NMA alongside all previous amendments made to the same permission.

Battery Energy Storage Systems like any construction in the UK cannot start without a MMP, it is a legal requirement reviewed and declared by a qualified person ensuring the materials are managed appropriately without posing risks to human health or the environment. No large scale projects should commence without ANY conditions that explicitly require the approval of specific management plans. How can this ever be returned to its previous form without this MMP in place?

In conclusion this is not a NMA therefore a new planning permission should be submitted.

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