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Submission: Objection

Comments:

My concerns include:

* Landscape and Visual Impact: The proposed turbines, at approximately 656 feet (around 200 metres) in height, would become dominant structures within the landscape. They would be significantly taller than many existing landmarks and would be visible across a very wide area of the Staffordshire Moorlands, fundamentally changing the character of the countryside and views enjoyed by residents and visitors.

* Traffic and Highway Safety: Construction is expected to involve a substantial number of Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) movements, potentially in excess of 1,000 journeys to deliver materials, remove excavated material and transport concrete and turbine components. The local highway network consists of narrow rural roads, many of which are single-track with limited passing places. A detailed Transport Assessment should examine highway safety, congestion, road damage, impacts on residents, emergency vehicle access and disruption during construction.

* Construction Impacts: The scale of excavation, concrete foundations and associated engineering works has the potential to cause significant disturbance through noise, dust, vibration and prolonged construction activity. These impacts on nearby residents, businesses and visitors require full assessment.

* Ecology and Wildlife: A thorough assessment should be undertaken into potential impacts on protected birds, bats, wildlife habitats and biodiversity, together with appropriate seasonal surveys.

* Heritage and Landscape Character: The development has the potential to affect the setting of heritage assets, public rights of way and the distinctive landscape character of the Staffordshire Moorlands. A comprehensive Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment should include viewpoints from surrounding villages and elevated locations.

* Residential Amenity: Potential impacts from noise, shadow flicker, aviation lighting and the overall visual dominance of the turbines on nearby homes should be fully assessed.

* Cumulative Impact: The Environmental Statement should consider the cumulative impact of this proposal alongside existing and consented renewable energy developments in the wider area to understand the overall effect on the landscape.

Given the scale of this proposal, I request that the Environmental Impact Assessment is comprehensive, robust and transparent, enabling local residents and decision-makers to fully understand the environmental, social and economic consequences before any planning application is determined.

I therefore object to this scoping request unless the full range of impacts is identified and assessed to the highest standard expected through the Environmental Impact Assessment process. (GOV.UK#8288;)

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