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Charlotte El Hakiem
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Dear Charlotte El Hakiem,

RE: PLANNING MATTERS –

Below are the council's comments on the application recently received.

Proposal: Installation of a flexible generation facility with a capacity of approximately 10 MW to include generators, diesel storage tank, transformer station, CCTV, substation and construction of vehicular access

Location: New Farm, Rolleston Lane, Tutbury,
Staffordshire, DE13 9HE

Comment: **Objection. Please note the following points;**

This Development: -

1. Does not conform to the local plan. East Staffordshire Local Plan Strategic Policy 8 states that outside settlement boundaries, new developments will not be permitted unless it is essential to the support and viability of an existing lawful or a new business appropriate in the countryside, providing facilities to the local community, which this does not. There is no overriding need for the development to be in the countryside.
2. Will have significant adverse effect on the character of the area. This development would be visible from Tutbury Castle. This proposal does not conform to Local Plan SP1 a sustainable development. This does not "integrate with the character of the landscape" nor does it adhere to Strategic Policy 25 Historic Environment states proposals should enhance buildings of heritage importance, setting and historic landscape." This development will have a visual impact from miles away. It is not evident why a green site has been chosen, rather than an industrial site
3. This site is unmanned and will not provide any further employment to the local area.
4. The technology is not "Sustainable" or "Renewable" source of energy. This does not

conform to SP 28 of the Local Plan and does not encourage development of low carbon energy technology and does not make use of local wood fuel markets

5. It is contrary to government and international aims to reduce reliance on dirty fossil fuels.
6. Will increase air pollution. This will contribute to the effects of climate change due to the emissions and goes against ESBC commitment to reduce the effects of climate change in their Climate Change Strategy.
7. Will produce noise that will affect the community in the new houses being built on Burton Road. There is a lack of direct evidence that truly measures the impact that this will have on the nearby residents. The evidence in the surveys carried out are desk studies rather than portraying actual facts and figures from an operation site elsewhere. This does not show the true impact on the noise air and environmental issues.
8. The proposed site is within 1km of the nearby primary school. The children would be exposed to the pollution particulates and nitrogen oxide emissions.
9. Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan species and biodiversity opportunities. Although this is not a significant site of environmental interest it is farmland and should be protected.
10. Will require 2 or 3 large tankers each month to supply the amount forecast of 519,500 litres of diesel fuel.
11. There is a danger of diesel leakage in storage and delivery which will cause pollution elsewhere.
12. The diesel represents a fire hazard
13. May bring other similar applications contrary to good planning elsewhere in the Borough, and may set a precedent for further STOR sites to be located near solar energy sites.
14. This proposal give rise causes a Highways Matter. If a fuel tanker approaches from the island, pulls up and is slow to turn into the proposed entrance to the site If a fast car (this road has a 60 mph limit) is following behind, the driver of the car may be tempted to pass the tanker and he/she did, they would be faced with the two small mid road islands which would be very dangerous. There may also be a vehicle exiting the Miller Homes site, at the same time which adds to the possibility of a collision. The highway is not designed for this change of use.
15. There is no turn around for the lorries on the site, would they reverse out onto a busy trunk road?
16. There is a lack of detail regarding how the entrance will be adapted for large vehicles to safely turn into the site.
17. If lights are required on the site they will increase light pollution and would be visible from Cornmill Lane and the Tutbury bypass.
18. There is no detail in the proposal on the lifespan of the Acoustic fence or why it is not around the whole site rather than on one side.
19. The government costs of funding this power unit are high Tutbury Parish Council would like this money spent on conserving energy for example insulation of new homes, for the benefit of the wider community rather than one business.

Yours sincerely

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