

# Consultee Comments for Planning Application 24/00161/FUL

## Application Summary

Application Number: 24/00161/FUL

Address: Land West Of Bradmore Road And North Of Wysall Road Land West Of Wysall Wysall

Proposal: Construction, operation and subsequent decommissioning of a renewable energy park comprising ground mounted Solar PV with co-located battery energy storage system (BESS) at the point of connection, together with associated infrastructure, access, landscaping and cabling.

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## Consultee Details

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On Behalf Of: Wysall And Thorpe-in-the-Glebe Parish Council

## Comments

Objection:

The Parish Councils view on the further application made by Pegasus on behalf of Exagen has not changed. It does nothing to address the concerns raised in our original objection and we remain strongly opposed to the proposal.

Additionally, we would also make the following comments:

1. There is no mention of the proposed cable that will need to run through our village to connect the proposed North to the South Solar Parks. We are very concerned that there will be large lorries traversing our rural landscape, navigating our narrow country roads and essentially changing the nature of our conservation village.

2. The documents seem to propose that in 15 years when the planted vegetation has matured the solar parks will have very limited visual impact. They back this assumption with images superimposed with panels and trees.

(a) This poses the assumption that all newly planted trees and bushes will be cared for consistently over this time. This is a big demand for the company with the type of very hot summers we are due.

(b) The current midshires walk through Wysall to Old Bunny Woods is extremely popular amongst villagers and beyond. The views that are seen of the open countryside leading up to the woods are exceptional. This will become essentially enclosed by the screen Exagen intend to plant

(c) The 15 years to the alleged screen of the solar panels will be detrimental to the long-

established walk. This will affect its current users both mentally and physically

(d) The effect of solar panels on open countryside is a form of industrialization

3. The effect on wildlife by covering the ground with glass coated panels is a concern to the council. What is proposed as mitigation such as for the skylarks is wholly inadequate.

4. The disruption for residents and visitors re digging up the Main Street to lay the cable - people will not be able to park on Main Street, deliveries to the pub will be difficult. Access to the village hall and church will be impacted etc. We have no detailed plan regarding how long this will take, which side of the road would be closed etc.

5. We are concerned with the fire risks associated with the battery storage unit, if there was a fire it would be catastrophic for the village. There is not a simple way to extinguish a fire at that location or prevent the spread of toxic fumes.

We would stress that the objection submitted by the Parish Council reflects the views and concerns of most residents, many of whom have also privately objected to this application.