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I would like to draw your attention to the Permissive Paths that Exagen have dismissed in the their Landscape Hearing Statement.

I will quote paragraph

2.39. It is noted in the Landscape Hearing Statement (Appendix 1) (CD 8.2.1) that until recently there were a number of Permissive Paths leading from the southern part of Wysall village towards the Appeal Site and connecting with the existing Public Footpath Wysall FP3. The Statement confirms that there are two notices, however, which indicate that access to these routes first ended in September 2010 and then again on 31st July 2020. No other notices or information has been obtained to indicate these routes are still accessible. For this reason, these former Permissive Paths are not considered in this Landscape Hearing Statement. The condition of one of the stiles also suggests that these routes have not been in use for some time.

I wish to emphasise that despite these two notices mentioned, there has never been any signage to the effect that the Permissive Paths are closed. As a result they are used daily by local residents and dogwalkers and have been walked for the 25 years since they were established. The landowner has never exercised their right of closure, not even for one day in the year. Consequently the paths have become a community asset.

If this development goes ahead this village asset will be ruined. Owing to the contour of the land, screening will be ineffectual when walking these paths. There will be uninterrupted views of the Battery Storage to the south. To the west and north will be acre upon acre of solar panels owing to the cumulative effect of the approved Highfields site to the west. Where now we walk with hedges and fields for our wellbeing, there will be a vast industrial landscape. This cannot be described as a "minor adverse" effect as stated in paragraph 8.62 of the Appellants Statement of Case. It is "significant harm" to the landscape. Exagen's lack of research on the Permissive Paths and dismissal of their importance, should be added to the negative balance when considering this appeal.

Thank you

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