

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.

Case Officer: Gareth Elliott

Consultee Details

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On Behalf Of: Rempstone Parish Council

Comments

Rempstone Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds:

The scale of the development, this site is immediately adjacent to another solar farm which has just gained planning consent, the two sites combined have a capacity of 99MW this is in excess of the 50MW limit before national government approval is required. As these two sites are adjoining the Council believe the cumulative impact of both together should be considered rather than the Borough Council taking a piecemeal approach.

The surrounding road infrastructure is not suitable for the size of vehicles proposed, many being narrow country roads. Rempstone Parish Council would have particular concern if any vehicles attending the site used Wysall Lane, Rempstone which is a single width road with limited passing points.

Despite the applicants own commissioned report on the land quality, parts of the land included have been used for agricultural/food crops for a number of years, this land should be retained for farming at a time when food security is important.

The Parish Council supports concerns raised by the Fire Service and other respondents regarding safety should a fire occur at the battery storage facility.

Furthermore the Parish Council would request that no further planning permission for solar farms is granted until the independent report establishing the need, and suitable sites for solar farms, commissioned by Rushcliffe Borough Council is published.