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Dear Mr. Haywood,

Application No. **HPK/2023/0193**
Construction and installation of an Energy Storage System (ESS) at
Marsh Lane, Gowhole, New Mills Derbyshire, SK23 7QE

I would like to strongly object to the above planning application.

The reasons I object are:

- By definition, this is "inappropriate" development in the Green Belt; "very special circumstances" have not been demonstrated.
- The proposals do not fall within any of the categories of acceptable development in the rural areas as set out in Policy EQ3 of the High Peak Local Plan and the overall effect on landscape character at the site and on adjacent land would be adverse, contrary to policy EQ2.
- There is an inherent risk to local residents and the environment from the consequences of thermal runaway, in conflict with the principles of sustainable development. (Google: "BESS fire Liverpool 15 September 2020").
- Road access is inadequate to support construction of this development, increasing the danger and inconvenience to other highway users.
- Novus justifies this as a renewable energy project, yet this installation is not coupled to a solar or wind farm, and Novus has not provided any evidence that the proposals would specifically harness renewable energy for storage.
- This development has no benefit to the local environment or help local energy supply.
- It is stated this development is to improve the energy imbalance for the Altrincham area so why is it being built on our Green Belt and not on the Green Belt land in Altrincham or surrounding area!
- Marsh Lane and Station Road are not capable of withstanding the heavy traffic this development will require to be built and maintained.

There is no justification for these proposals at this location.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Nigel Fletcher