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Submission: Objection

Comments: Dear Mr Haywood,

I would like to register my objections to this planning application. The grounds for my objection are as follows:

This is development on green belt and I do not believe that special circumstances have been demonstrated. I understand that Novus did look at other brownfield sites as potential development locations, with one being disregarded due to it being too expensive. This is surely not a viable reason for constructing on green belt.

Novus have attempted to justify the development on green belt on the basis that this is a renewable energy project. However, this project is not coupled to a solar or wind farm. I do not see any detail in the proposals as to how this would harness renewable solar or wind energy for storage.

Despite being built on precious green belt land in the High Peak, the project will not benefit High Peak residents -Novus have told local residents that any additional electricity supplied will benefit the Altringham area.

As a resident overlooking the substation for over a decade, I can confirm the findings of the ecological survey & that there is a vast range of wildlife in this area. Amongst other things we have personally observed bats, barn owls, buzzards, kestrels, curlews, mountain hares and even the occasional deer in the fields around the proposed development site. In particular we see kestrels hunting directly over the fields around our house almost daily.

Access to the site for construction purposes from Marsh Lane is also a concern. This is a road with many tight spots and sharp turns, plus two bridges, one of which is realistically for single traffic only. The presence of construction vehicles and equipment could increase the dangers on this road and prove extremely inconvenient to road users. There is no footpath on a significant section of Marsh Lane and therefore pedestrians could also be at enhanced risk.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Hodgson

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