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Right Honourable Robert Largan

Subject: Planning Application HPK/2023/0193 - Energy Storage System on Green Belt Land off Marsh Lane, New Mills

Dear Mr. Largan,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my concerns and objections regarding the planning application HPK/2023/0193 for the construction of an Energy Storage System on land off Marsh Lane in New Mills. I kindly request that you take my objections into consideration before making a decision on this matter.

Firstly, I would like to address the proposed development itself. The application outlines plans for a substation and control room, auxiliary transformer with 4m-high acoustic fencing, 3m high security fencing, changes to site levels, associated access, landscaping, and site infrastructure. While the project may appear to have certain merits, I firmly believe that building such a facility on green belt land would be a grave mistake.

The green belt land holds immense value for both the local community and the environment. It provides essential open space, contributes to the natural beauty of the area, and supports biodiversity. The loss of green belt land would be detrimental to the character and integrity of the surrounding landscape, impacting the overall quality of life for residents.

Additionally, the proposed Energy Storage System aims to import 30MW of electricity from New Mills Substation during times of excess supply. While the need for storing renewable energy is understandable due to its intermittency, I urge you to consider advocating for alternative locations that are not designated as green belt. There may be suitable industrial or brownfield sites that can be repurposed for such a project, minimising the impact on valuable green spaces. Moreover, the long-term implications of the proposed development should be taken into account. The projects expected operational life span is 50 years, after which it would require decommissioning. Given the finite nature of green belt land, it is crucial to preserve it for future generations rather than subjecting it to temporary infrastructure.

In light of the aforementioned concerns, I kindly request that you carefully evaluate the implications of this planning application and consider alternative options for the location of the proposed Energy Storage System. Preserving our green belt land and protecting our environment should be a priority in any decision-making process.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and appreciate your commitment to the welfare of our community. I trust that you will give due consideration to the objections raised and make a decision that aligns with the best interests of both the constituents and the environment.

Yours sincerely,

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