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To High Peak Borough Council Planning Department

The proposed development (HPK/2023/0193 LAND AT Marsh Lane New Mills) involves fenced off industrial construction on Greenbelt land, and so is inappropriate and unacceptable. As such the development is contrary to policies in the Local Plan. It does not meet categories for acceptable developments in policies EQ2 and EQ3.

This is Greenbelt land on which no other industrial or residential development would ever be allowed.

There is a tendency for planning to be very lenient in regard to projects that are seen in some sense to be related to combatting global warming induced climate change. However, such developments cannot be at the cost of ruining the environment in other respects. The proposed development does not meet criteria of very special circumstances that would allow it to flout Local Plan Greenbelt designations.

There is no requirement for this storage system in the direct locality of New Mills and Furness Vale, so it is of no particular local benefit in that respect. The storage would be utilised in regard to a larger area of the region, and as such can be placed elsewhere, in an industrial location. It is understandable that developers want to choose an easy option whereby they can plonk their industrial units on a greenfield site that needs little preparatory work, but it is not thereby acceptable to local residents or the natural environment for that site to be within Greenbelt. The developers must be told to again look elsewhere. Certainly the alternatives have not been exhaustively researched.

Should this development be allowed to go ahead it would set a very poor precedent for the protection of Greenbelt land both locally and more broadly. As such it will become ever harder

to justify protecting open fields between urban areas, which have always been regarded as sacrosanct, for the very good reason that once that is disregarded it opens the door to all manner of contraventions.

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