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Comments: Application HPK/2023/0193 Construction and installation of an Energy Storage System (ESS) at March Lane, Gowhole, New Mills , Derbyshire SK23 7QE

Objection

Green belt 2 This development potentially sets a precedent for other developments. It is noted that a solar installation was proposed in this locality but withdrawn as being unsuitable in this countryside setting. This development could resurrect other inappropriate energy developments located in this green belt area which is valued for its beauty, countryside and well being, being located close to the Peak District National Park.

Green belt is designated for protection against development and very special circumstances have not been demonstrated in this case. The search for alternatives has been geographically very limited. Alternative sub stations in more appropriate settings should be explored.

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 adjacent land would be adverse, contrary to Policy EQ2.

Purpose - 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. As already highlighted this could set a precedent for other developments on the Green Belt. There is no justification for these proposals at any location using this substation.

Alternative sites - Other alternative sites and more specifically brown field sites must surely be available in other areas where there are sub stations. Alternative site locations seem to have been restricted to a very narrow area of search i.e. specifically the High Peak. Clearly other areas in the country could be considered as alternative sites that

have development plan policies where brown field sites could be used. Alternative locations should not be restricted to just the High Peak.

Noisy development in excess of 90dB per unit - Sound carries over large distances and this proposal has the capability to generate very high levels of noise (in excess of 90dB) that have the potential to be heard across a wide area of the valley and in all directions including travelling upwards and radiating across the valley. The development sits quite low in the valley therefore the proposed mitigations do not protect areas that are above the level of the development. This is a quiet valley particularly during night time hours. The sound barrier is also incomplete in a westerly direction exposing residents to noise pollution. Even with sound mitigations the proposed sound projection is hypothetical and may underestimate actual effects.

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