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Submission: Objection

Comments: I object to this proposal to dig up the road and cause weeks of disruption for local residents, myself and my family included. I have objected to the storage facility in the past and know this is approved in principle, but again emphasise that a basic asset protection agreement doesn't seem to be in place with Network Rail. This was one of the conditions of the approval, because the railway bridge is too weak to take all the equipment that Innova are proposing, so surely this should be in place before any further planning proposals are taken into account, as this is just a waste of planners time otherwise? Why is a traffic management plan to dig up a road even being considered, when at the moment Network Rail will not allow Innova to take their planned plant over the weak railway bridge?

Why does the road need to be dug up when there is direct access from the green belt field that the battery storage units are being placed in, directly to the electric sub-station? It's a much shorter route that's in the field the farmer is leasing to Innova and won't involve 6 weeks of disruption and additional cost. Furthermore, I find it strange that this wasn't in the original planning application; this is either poor planning or a cynical move to adding it post original planning approval.

If this goes ahead, the diversion we will have to take to get to the end of Ladypit Road (20 seconds in our car) is way more than the 15 mins quoted. It means going up and over Dolly Lane, down into Buxworth, all the way along to the A6, along the A6 through Furness Vale and back down Station Road. My husband works for the emergency services and this will cause significant access issues for them not being able to get to emergencies in time, as well as the tractors, vans and cars that use Ladypit Road and Dolly Lane daily. There are certain types of vehicles that will not be able to get up and over Dolly Lane, but will try and fail (as they have in the past when road closures have been in place), causing chaos for everyone else.

For these reasons I object to this planning application.

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