

Planning application comment was submitted on the **05 June 2023 15:58 PM**

The following is a comment on application **P231390/F** by **Rachael Wheeler**

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

Comment: I strongly object to the proposed Battery Storage site:

1. It is incredible to suggest such a dangerous site could be situated so close to a Gas Station and pipelines. Even the most ardent supporter of renewable energy can see that putting a huge battery storage facility next to a Gas Pumping Station is complete madness. In Merseyside a battery caught fire and exploded, it burned for 59 hours, a large fire could spread toxic gas up to 6 miles away, the local Fire Department needs up-to-date training to deal with battery fires. Safeguards need to be in place to ensure correct installation and ongoing maintenance for the next 40 years, given the older the plant and equipment the more likely faults are to develop. There are many examples of battery fires and their consequences!
2. This is greenfield site on a steep slope, no amount of 'landscaping' is going to hide multiple 40' Shipping Containers containing lithium batters, with double the number of Storage Containers (of which the dimensions seem to be unknown), a sub station installation, 15m high communications mast, security lighting & fencing. Due to the gradient it will all be visible from the footpath and public bridleway that crosses from Peterstow towards Hendre & Biddlestone. This conflicts with the land use, landscape and design policies of the National Planning Framework, The Herefordshire Core Strategy and Local Plan and the Peterstow Neighbourhood Plan. Ross on Wye is famous for it's tourism, this is not what you would expect or want to come across on your walk in the Herefordshire countryside, therefore potentially damaging a very important industry in this area.
3. The ecology of the area seems to have been completely brushed aside - numerous species use Luke Brook as a thoroughfare, moving along it to feeding and breeding sites around and on the Lakes nearby. There are at least 3 types of deer moving regularly along it, [REDACTED] foxes, several types of newt (including the Great Crested variety), many other invertebrates all incredibly important to the bio-diversity of the area.
4. The noise level, however low, can and will affect the many birds and bats that live in this area..
4. We should be safeguarding our land. We should not be putting concrete platforms and industrial units on our prime agricultural land, the price of food is rocketing, we should be using brown field sites for this type of development.

Attachment:

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Infrastructure from section 106 to consider: To be kept to a minimum

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