

The Royal Burgh of Forfar Community Council after extensive deliberations and researching submit our comments and disagree with the proposed application being out with the Angus Local Development Plan. Members were also concerned about the future environment and the effect on future generations especially at the expiry of the project and battery life.

Policy Ref.	Description	Comment
DS1	Development Boundaries and priorities	The proposed site is out with the development plan boundary and located in proximity to recreational grounds and busy local network route. This not the Right Development in the Right Place as there is no public interest being so close to a populated area, no economic benefit to the community and no environmental benefit. Members also stated that any battery storage facility would be better placed adjacent to the source of renewable power. e.g. Solar or windfarm type of renewable energy.
DS4	Amenity	The battery storage facility is proposed between two existing settlements Forfar (population 15811) and Lunanhead being a small settlement village. Fire risk is the most concerning issue for residents given this facility proposed to be in place for 50 years and battery type not decided. The agent describes other facilities abroad such as the US or Australia. These have no bearing as an example of good practice.
PV6	Development in the landscape	A battery storage facility will impact the local landscape particularly the daily traffic movement and sighting from the main road. Trees and hedges take around 10 years to establish and specific species such as hawthorn being the fastest growing. Until any boundary treatment is established the fence screening at the battery compound would be seen from the B9134.
PV9	Renewable and low carbon energy development	The landscape and character of the area will be affected given a similar project is proposed that would be a cumulative effect on the landscape if both approved. There are already 9 similar battery projects for sale in Scotland awaiting development investment.
PV12	Managing flood risk	According to the SEPA map there are areas of high risk surface water flooding north of North Whitehills between Suttieside Road and the B9134 leading to Lunanhead.
PV15	Drainage infrastructure	A SUDS at the north east of the site is essential but given the longevity of 50 years proposed for battery siting will this be sufficient in the longer term? Any flooding in a battery facility is an unknown locality health risk and environmental hazard on the perimeter of built up communities.
PV20	Soils and geodiversity	The ground is greenfield/arable farmland.
Observation		There is no exit strategy for the disposal of the batteries. The recycling of batteries appears to be an expensive process; few operators provide this service and some just burn. Lithium-ion contains chemicals such as nickel, cobalt and compounds of various metals that are lethal to eco systems, spills and food production. Harms the soil and causes air contamination as well as to humans. The absence of battery type also was a factor to disagree with this project.

Pitscandly House

Lunanhead

Forfar

DDS 3NZ

24 August 2021

Angus Council

Planning

Department

BY HAND

Dear Sirs

21/00534/FULM

I am horrified to read of the above noted planning application and vigorously object. Not only will these structures completely ruin the beautiful landscape and destroy the environment, but the area itself is clearly outwith the Forfar Development area.

I run holiday accommodation and my business will be severely affected by these plans as Lunanhead will no longer be a beautiful rural area where tourists will wish to visit.

I am concerned that there will be a long lasting negative effect on the amenity of Lunanhead and Forfar which will impact the local residents for years to come.

Yours sincerely



Anona M Gow

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 August 2021 21:46
To: PLANNING
Subject: Objection to Planning Application Ref: 21/00534/FULM

To Whom It May Concern

I write to state my objection to the above planning application for industrial battery storage on Old Brechin Road, Forfar. Having seen plans and attended briefings, I have major concerns.

The Old Brechin Road between the edge of Forfar and Lunanhead village is a countryside location. It's a popular walking route between communities, not only in Whitehills, Gowanbank and Lunanhead but also the main residents of Forfar too. The area already has to cope with the heavy industrial traffic, noise and dust pollution with the continual expansion of Lairds Aggregates which sits within the village of Lunanhead and also borders all the Gowanbank area of housing. The Gowanbank area also has the current Landfill site off the Montrose Road on it's doorstep.

The proposed plan for battery storage units are completely unacceptable, not only causing a blot on our beautiful landscape but for the residents who have to live next to this monstrosity - devaluing their properties. To plan such a major scale development in this countryside location is outrageous.

Whilst developers play down any health and safety concerns, there is already considerable evidence of previous units with serious fires and explosions - such fires are difficult to extinguish and with a part-time retained Fire service in the town, the delay to respond to such an event and the impact and evacuation of immediate properties would be catastrophic. How many lives would be at risk?

I sincerely hope Angus Council do the right thing for our community and reject this planning application.

Yours sincerely

Amanda Craig

129 Dunnichen Avenue
Gowanbank
Forfar
DD8 2EJ

Angus Council

Planning Department

BY HAND

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26 August 2021

Dear Sirs

21/00534/FULM

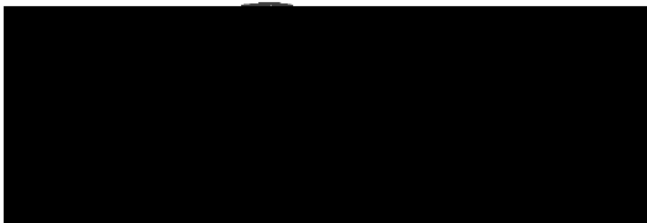
I wish to object to this planning application.

It will negatively affect the amenity of the local area and is a danger to the surrounding communities.

Lithium Batteries are very dangerous and highly volatile - these must not be stored beside a children's playground and certainly not in the vicinity of Whitehills Hospital.

I hope Angus Council will refuse this application.

Yours faithfully



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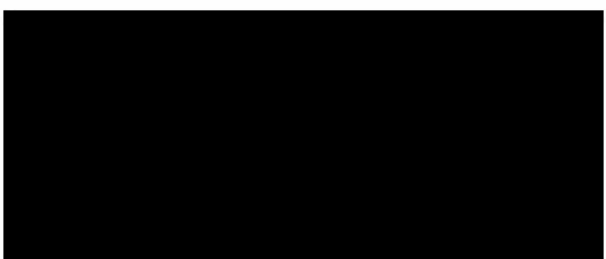
Angus Council
Planning Department
Angus House
Forfar
24 August 2021

To Whom it May Concern

We wish to object to the planning application 21/00534/FULM.

Lunanhead is a beautiful village and enormous industrial units will destroy the amenity of the area and could damage local businesses.

Locals will be unable to use the local area for walks which we have all traditionally used and the visual appearance of the storage unity will be incompatible the surrounding rural area.



Taylor's Wynd
By Lunanhead
Forfar
Angus

25 August 2021

Angus Council
Planning Department
BY HAND

Dear Sirs

21/00534/FULM

I am horrified to read of the above noted planning application and strongly object.

These structures will completely ruin the beautiful landscape and destroy the environment.

Most importantly, the site itself is clearly outwith the Forfar Development area. This planning application, if successful, would set a dangerous precedent.

I am concerned that there will be a long lasting negative effect on the amenity of Lunanhead and Forfar which will impact the local residents for years to come.

Yours sincerely

Miss C Rolfe



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ANGUS COUNCIL
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

25TH AUGUST 2021

DEAR SIRS

APPLICATION - 21/00534/FULM

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YOURS SINCERELY



Objection to planning application notice - 2100534FULM.txt

From: Clair Trethowan [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 August 2021 23:38
To: PLANNING
Subject: Objection to planning application notice - 21/00534/FULM

To Whom It May Concern,

Objection to planning application notice - 21/00534/FULM

As local residents we strongly object to the proposals for both battery storage unit sites referenced above. Lunanhead is a village on the outskirts of Forfar and we do not wish to be connected to Forfar by industrial sites.

Our location is blessed with beautiful views and path networks frequented daily with walkers, joggers, cyclists and horse riders. The Rosie Roadie forms part of the Forfar path network, to which application 21/00260, another proposed second site does not respect this popular and historic path.

Application 21/00534/FULM is adjacent to a play park and well used football and training pitch.

Both proposed developments would therefore have an unacceptable impact on the character of this landscape as we already have Lairds, Stonepack and the current electric station within this vicinity. We want to protect the remaining greenfield area connecting us to Forfar.

Battery storage containers also impose a fire risk such as the recent fire in June 2021 at a large battery storage project in Australia and the fires in Liverpool (2020), Phoenix, Arizona (2019) and numerous fires in South Korea (2017-2018). As you are aware our local Forfar Fire station is not manned 24hrs a day. With only 2 full time officers and then a retainer fireman, reaction times to any fire could be delayed causing critical and catastrophic results should the fire cascade from one unit to another. Other local units would take approximately 15-20 minutes at least to attend and support. These fires can be difficult to extinguish and can re-ignite some considerable time later with this hazard increasing greatly with the amount of units proposed at both sites. Fire is not the only risk factor with the possibility of the release of toxic gases and the requirement

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evacuation zones which would include Whitehills Hospital Community Care Centre and possibly the local primary school.

The B9134 road which would be the main access road to both proposed sites is also prone to flooding so any construction site traffic would cause further access issues to Lunanhead and the villages further out. Diversions onto other roads would be using a single lane road which itself would cause chaos.

Please do not destroy our beautiful landscape and industrialise it.

Yours Sincerely,

Clair Trethowan & Christopher Lawrie
1 Carseburn Terrace
Lunanhead
DD8 3LX

Comments for Planning Application 21/00534/FULM

Application Summary

Application Number: 21/00534/FULM

Address: Energy Storage Unit 1 Old Brechin Road Forfar

Proposal: The construction and operation of an energy storage facility consisting of up to 50 energy storage modules with a capacity of 49.9MW, transformers, electrical control building, acoustic fencing, highway access, CCTV system and perimeter landscaping

Case Officer: Ruari Kelly

Customer Details

Name: Christopher McNiven

Address: 107 Dunnichen Avenue Forfar DD8 2EJ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Good evening,

I strongly object to this development application.

As a member of the community who lives very close to the proposed development, I believe it will have a huge impact in terms of noise in the day-to-day operation of the site. Cooling fans are just one example of this which create a great deal of noise. This will be a major concern for impacting on sleep during the night.

The proposed site is outwith the local development plan and on farming land. It should not be used for an industrial site like this.

I have concerns about the decommissioning of the site and the removal of all traces of the site at the end of the projects lifespan.

This will also have an impact on the amenity and accessibility of the local area. It's placement will discourage use of the public access route the Rosie Road (opposite the site), which will have a detrimental effect on the enjoyment of the local area for the community in terms of health and recreation.

I appreciate the letter I received from the council in relation to this planning application states that "issues covered by other legislation e.g. ...Health & Safety, etc" are not valid planning objections. However, I do think it is worth noting that the safety of the proposed site is a serious concern for

local residents.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my views on the development and please accept my strong objection to it.

Chris McNiven

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By Lunanhead

Forfar

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Angus Council

Planning Department

Angus House

Forfar

24 August 2021

To Whom It May Concern

We object to the planning application **21/00534/FULM**.

Lunanhead is a beautiful, rural **village** and enormous industrial units **will** destroy the amenity of the area. The buildings **will** negatively affect local residents and the noise **will be** unacceptable.

The planned building area is outwith the Forfar Development Plan.

Yours sincerely

Darren Eyers

Pitscandly Farm

HouseLunanhed

Forfar, DDS 3NZ

24 August 2021

FAO: Angus Council Planning Department

Angus House

Forfar

Dear Sirs

21/00534/FULM

I live at Lunanhead and wish to strongly object to this planning application. These major developments will ruin the amenity of the village and the community at large.

From a review of the plans, it appears that the proposed area is also outside the Forfar Development zone and no industrial buildings should encroach on this.

Lunanhead and the surrounding area is rural so to have industrial buildings added to the village would be totally unacceptable and I am sure the Council will see this when the application is reviewed.

I trust my objections will be noted.

Yours sincerely

DH Gow

Angus Council
Planning Department
Angus House
Forfar
25 August 2021

DAVID RITCHIE
WESTHILLOCK COTTAGE
MONTROSE ROAD
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To Whom it may concern,

We wish to object to the planning application 21/00534/FULM

The impact these structures will have on nearby properties in Whitehills, Gowanbank and in particular Lunanhead would be significant.

The B9134 Forfar to Lunanhead road is already unfit for purpose with dozens of large lorries from the nearby cement factory using it every day.



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Case Officer: Ruari Kelly

Customer Details

Name: Mr David Stobie

Address: 29 Osprey Drive Gowanbank Forfar DD8 2UW

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Stongly disagree with the application for this development

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24 August 2021

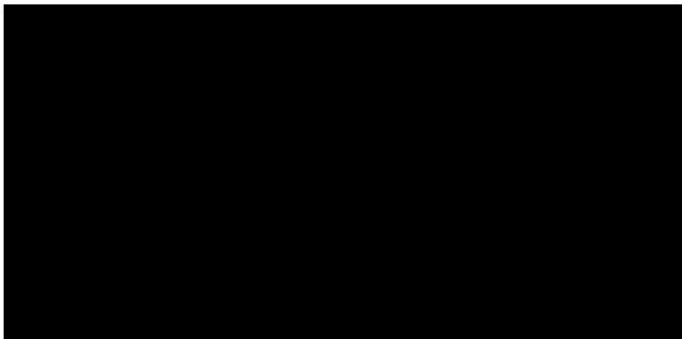
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We wish to object to the planning application 21/00534/FULM.

The noise, nuisance and smell from the battery storage units will be unacceptable and potentially dangerous for those living close by in Lunanhead, Whitehills and Gowanbank.

The local environmental impact on the area will be devastating.

Lunanhead is a beautiful village and enormous industrial units will destroy the amenity of the area and could damage local businesses.



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 August 2021 21:35
To: PLANNING
Subject: Ref. 21/00534/FULM

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I wish to state my objection to the planning application for the Energy Storage Plant at Old Brechin Road, Forfar.

Having watched the presentations, I feel that due to the proposed size, possible safety implications, close proximity to both Whitehills Community Hospital, residential properties and childrens playing fields that the proposals give rise for serious concern. We require much more information regarding the safety records of current sites and the minimum evacuation distances, should the need arise. Would the current retained part-time Fire Service be able to respond quickly enough and have the training and knowledge to deal with such a potential incident?

The circular route from the town/Whitehills/Lunanhead is extremely busy and popular with walkers, cyclists and is also a through route for motorists heading to Brechin and beyond. The addition of further commercial projects within this small area would certainly bring an increase in HGV vehicles, adding to those of Laird Aggregates situated on two locations on the Old Brechin Road. The road will have increased road vibration and will this affect the batteries within the containers? It is also a concern that the much used Rosie Road which would run parallel with the site could be affected by this build.

The current view of country fields to that of an industrial development would not be achieved until such time as screen planting had matured – possibly years. In the meantime the beauty of our countryside would have been destroyed, leaving a blot on our landscape.

The impact on property values within the vicinity are another major concern. Those who choose to live within a rural country location may discount this area for a variety of logical reasons.

Should this progress there will be robust local objections to ensure the future of our countryside remains green.

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YOURS SINCERELY



Angus Council
Planning Department
Forfar

East Myss Cottage
Clocksbriggs
Forfar
DD8 2TB

24th Aug 2021

To whom it may concern,

I wish to object to the following planning application: 21/00534/FULM.

The proposed application is ill-considered on both environmental and safety levels. The close proximity to housing and recreational land used by residents of Forfar raises significant concerns for safety. These battery facilities have yet to be proven to be safe with regards to potential fire risk and there is also the added prospect of exposure to chemicals, used in the event of a fire.

The land nearby is of scientific interest in terms of wildlife habitat and it is close to many local and historically significant landmarks such as Restenneth Priory and Balgavies Scottish Wildlife Reserve.

Elizabeth Rodger



18 Steadfast Lane

Forfar

DD8 3ET

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BY HAND

26 August 2021

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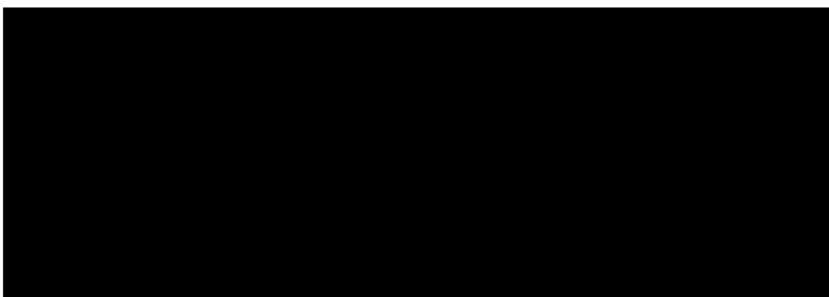
I am so sad to read of this planning application and wish to vigorously object.

The industrial battery storage buildings are hazardous to the local community and may be a serious explosion and fire risk.

I am also worried that this will cause a serious health risk to the people in Whitehills Hospital, the children who play on the football pitch and the childrens play park.

The industrialisation of such a rural area is unacceptable, particularly when it is outside the Forfar Development Plan.

Yours sincerely



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Lunanhead
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Angus Council

Planning

Department

Angus House

Forfar

24 August 2021

To Whom It May Concern

We wish to strongly object to the planning application **21/00534/FULM**.

Lunanhead is a beautiful village and enormous industrial units will destroy the amenity of the area and could damage local businesses. The traffic on the roads will be terrible and the whole development_ will negatively affect local people.

George and Susan Mitchell

Angus Council

Planning Dept

Forfar

Millbrook

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24/08/21

To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to register an official complaint to the proposed planning development:

21/00534/FULM

My objections are as follows:

- 1) **Safety:** The technology and therefore safety of these batteries is unproven. We are already aware of the existing dangers posed by 'thermal runaway' but we know very little of the potential hazards posed by their long term storage. Chemicals will also be held on site and released in the case of fire. We are assured by the developers that this and other sites are completely safe. If this is the case then why are they being built in open countryside and not in the centre of towns/cities?
- 2) **Environment:** The areas chosen are bordered by low lying marshy ground including the source of the Lunan water. These sites are of significant natural history and are breeding grounds for endangered flora and fauna.
- 3) **History:** The area is of major historical interest. The world famous Restenneth Priory is close to the proposed location and Roman earthworks border the site.
- 4) **Economy:** This is an ill-considered use of Grade 1 agricultural land. At a time when we are encouraged to go green and make use of local produce, it is bizarre to propose making local farming land agriculturally redundant. Especially, when there are alternative brown field sites available.
- 5) **Tourism:** Anbus is marketed by Angus Council as 'Scotland's birthplace' Do visitors to Angus really want to see such storage sites as these when they visit Restenneth Priory and the site of Angus Alive's Angus Archives?

Grant Moir



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Rocklyn
11 Robertson Terrace
Forfar
Angus

Angus Council Planning Department

Angus House

Forfar

24 August 2021

Dear Sirs

21/00534/FULM

I wish to strongly object to this planning application. These huge industrial buildings will completely ruin the rural area and have a very negative impact on the neighbouring houses and the Forfar/Lunanhead community at large.

I often walk around Lunanhead so am aware of the industrial elements which are there already and the resulting industrial traffic that it generates. This quiet area, together with small roads, are not suitable for any more industrial buildings and construction. The safety of the local community should be a priority for the Council and the Councillors themselves who are voted for by the residents.

The plans show that the proposed areas are outside the Forfar Development Zone so any building would be totally unacceptable.

I look forward to hearing from you.



M G Nesbitt

Pitscandly Farm
HouseLunanhead
Forfar, DDS 3NZ
24 August 2021

FAQ: Angus Council Planning Department

Angus House

Forfar

Dear Sirs

21/00534/FULM

I live just outside Lunanhead and wish to object to this planning application. These enormous developments will ruin the amenity of the village and the community at large.

I am particularly concerned about the safety of the batteries that will be stored there and the adverse health consequences which may affect the local residents who could end up living so close to solid Lithium batteries.

Lunanhead and the surrounding area is primarily agricultural so to have industrial buildings added to the village would be totally incompatible and therefore unacceptable.

The proposed **area** is also outside the Forfar Development zone so no industrial buildings should be built.

I trust my objections will be noted.

Yours sincerely
Jock Gow

4 WHITE HILLS CRES
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*Angus Council
Planning Department
BY HAND*

25 August 2021

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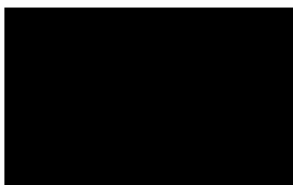
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I object to this planning application as these battery storage units will be hazardous to the health of the local community. The units will contain dangerous Lithium Batteries which are an explosion risk.

There will also be a terrible noise from the containers and they will be a general nuisance to the area.

This area is outside the agreed development zone and this application must be rejected.

Yours faithfully



Angus Council
Planning Department
BY HAND

26 August 2021

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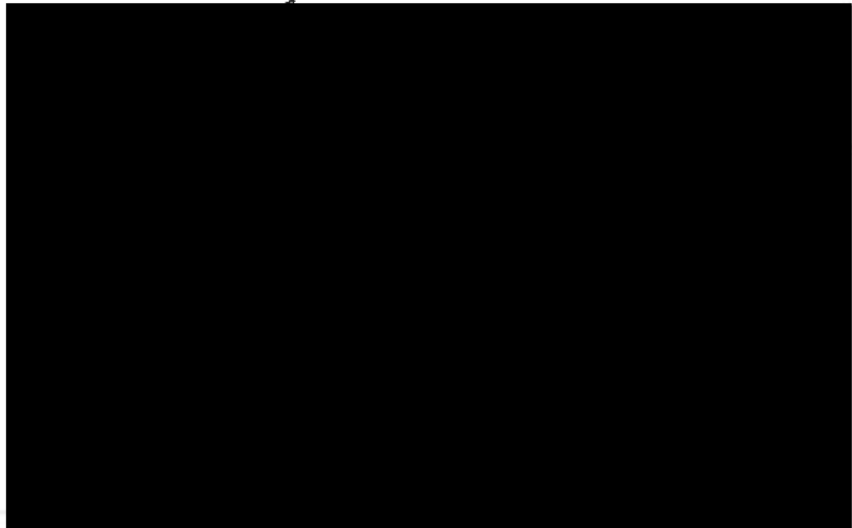
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I am very distressed to read of this planning application and strongly object to it.

The whole development will have a negative impact on the local communities, particularly Lunanhead, Whitehills and Gowanbank. The amenity of the local area will be ruined as will many rural businesses.

The industrialisation of an area outside the Forfar Development Plan is not acceptable, especially given the cumulative impact the Laird Factories have.

Yours sincerely



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Pitscandly House

Lunanhead

Forfar

DD8 3NZ

24 August 2021

Angus Council

Planning

Department

BYHAND

Dear Sirs

21/00534/FULM

I am deeply saddened to read of the above noted planning application and object it.

These structures will

1. have a negative cumulative impact on the surrounding rural area and
2. irreparably alter the landscape.
3. not be part of the Forfar Development area so this application is contrary to current regulations
4. have a negative visual impact
5. not be compatible with the rural surroundings
6. have a negative and dangerous impact on the traffic travelling on small country roads
7. effect local amenity negatively as local residents will be unable to walk and enjoy the countryside
8. have a negative environmental impact on the Lunanhead

and Forfar area Please ensure that I am included in any updates.

Yours sincerely

Jeremy Gow

13 Old Brechin Rd
Lunanhead
Forfar
Angus
DD8 3NQ

Angus Council Planning
Angus House
Forfar

Dear Sirs,

Objection to planning application notice 21/00534/FULM

I wish to object to this planning application.

These units require fans to be running continually and would like information to be provided on the noise pollution. Angus has an abundance of wildlife that I am sure will be adversely affected. It says that other sites have been considered and feel that these alternate sites should be published.

The proposed sites are out with the Forfar Development Zone and as such from what I have read have to be proven to be a benefit to the local environment and community of which we feel they are neither. The proposed land is Grade 3 agricultural and has crops in it all year round. I suggest that there is plenty of brown sites that would better suit this type of development.

Enormous industrial units will destroy the amenity of the area for the local community. The extra road traffic on top of what we already have to contend with Lairds and Stonepack, will be unbearable. The dirt and the noise from the current level of commercial vehicles is constant at present without adding to it.

On top of that we have waited for a long time for the flooding issue to be fixed on the Old Brechin Road. Since the repairs were done halfway between Lunanhead and Forfar we now have issues with flooding further down the road towards the village and in the village itself. I wonder what damage the proposed sites will cause to an area already susceptible to surface water flooding.

Having done a substantial amount to research it seems these units are extremely volatile and a high risk of going up in flames as has happened both in Liverpool on the 15th September 2020 and Phoenix, Arizona in April 2019. Fires involving lithium batteries are difficult to extinguish and require vast amounts of water/foam. Forfar fire station is not manned 24 hours and would take time for the engines to arrive and depending on the extend of fire most likely not have the facilities to contain it. What are the plans for disposal when batteries need replaced?

Your Sincerely

James Foster

13 Old Brechin Rd
Lunanhead
Forfar
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DD8 3NQ

Angus Council Planning
Angus House
Forfar

To Whom It May Concern,

Objection to planning application notice 21/00534/FULM

As a local resident and a part of a local family business I strongly object to the proposal for the battery storage site.

Lunanhead has always been a beautiful village that has been enjoyed by the local community and even more so since the beginning of lockdown in March 2020. Scores of people have been seen to be walking out from Forfar along the Old Brechin Road, Rosie Road and Carseburn, enjoying the idyllic countryside.

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Having done a substantial amount to research it seems the fire risk from these units is a real threat as had happened both in Liverpool on the 15th September 2020 and Phoenix, Arizona in April 2019. Fires involving lithium batteries are difficult to extinguish and require vast amounts of water/foam. Forfar fire station is not manned 24 hours and would take time for

the engines to arrive and depending on the extend of fire most likely not have the facilities to contain it.

I fail to see how these are a long-term solution to renewable energy when these batteries have a limited life span and no information has been provided on how these huge lithium batteries are to be disposed of safely.

Regards

Judith Foster

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 August 2021 22:02
To: PLANNING
Subject: Ref:21/00534/FULM

Good afternoon,

I would like to register my objection to this planning request for the battery storage next to my house. Big issues on Health risks and noise and this will have a massive effect to where we currently walk our dogs. I do not think this is a safe place to have this so near to so many homes. This was devalue our property.

Regards
Julie robb
Osprey drive
Gowanbank
Forfar

Angus Council

Planning Department

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Forfar

24 August 2021

KAREN RITCHIE
WESTHILLOCK COTTAGE
MONTROSE ROAD
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To Whom It May Concern

We wish to object to the planning application 21/00534/FULM.

The impact these structures will have on the neighbouring properties in Lunanhead, Gowanbank and Whitehills will be terrible.

The traffic will be very dangerous on small country roads.

Lunanhead is a beautiful village and enormous industrial units will destroy the amenity of the area.



The Garden Cottage

Pitscandly

By Lunanhead

Forfar

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Angus House

Forfar

24 August 2021

To Whom It May Concern

I object to the planning application **21/00534/FULM**.

Lunanhead is a beautiful, rural village and enormous industrial units will destroy the amenity of the area. The buildings will negatively affect local residents and the noise will be unacceptable.

Yours sincerely



KATHERINE M. PHILP

Objection to Planning Application 21/00534/FULM

I understand that this application falls outside the Angus Development Plan boundary and I believe it is contrary to Policy DS1. The development would undermine the landscape; the land which the applicants wish to use is currently agricultural land used for growing arable crops. There is no evidence of such a development providing long term jobs within the community. The development would have an adverse impact on the surrounding visual amenity for the local residents. There are brown field sites lying vacant within the boundary of the Development Plan that could and should be utilised before inflicting the industrialisation of the countryside onto the inhabitants of Lunanhead, Whitehills and Gowanbank. These residents already have to contend with the noise/dust from Lairds yard and lorries (starting as early as 5.30 am) as well as traffic to the landfill site.

Not only will these Storage Units be extremely large scale but they have been proven to be extremely unsafe. Lithium ion batteries have caught fire on numerous well reported occasions:-

2020 – 20MW BESS destroyed by fire (thermal runaway) Liverpool

2019 – 4 Firefighters severely injured by BESS explosion, Arizona USA

2017/18 – 23 BESS fires in South Korea

2013 – Dreamliner Aircraft Fire at Heathrow Airport.

These are just a few of the reported incidents in more recent years. The key risks and challenges with these types of facilities include – formation of explosive gases/vapour

mixtures, formation and dispersion of TOXIC gas clouds, intense heat fires being difficult to extinguish, thermal runaway. Having read reports on these incidents I am deeply concerned about the safety of the local community and I wonder if our part time fire crews would carry the appropriate equipment to deal with these types of fires and the possible resulting explosions. In Germany they have now developed large water tanks in which to fully immerse electric cars when they go on fire, this would **not be possible** with these large battery units!

Whilst the applicants state they will install monitoring equipment, these cannot be relied upon 100%. The monitoring technology CANNOT monitor single cell temperatures/voltages and cannot activate until thermal runaway has occurred, by which time the units would be well alight and fire crews would need to expend considerable resources in order to hopefully control the temperatures reached by such fires and avert the metal units exploding due to the extreme temperatures being reached.

Of even greater concern is the fact that the area next to the current sub station has a football pitch which is regularly used by young people/children and there is also a children's play park close by. In the case of the Liverpool fire and explosion, reports were made of houses being shaken by the strength of the explosion and metal being hurled through the air. I ask would you wish to live near one of these sites, let alone have your children play in a park just metres from such a facility.

In view of my above concerns and comments and I believe the concerns on many of the local residents with whom I have spoken, and who would likely be effected by this proposal I ask that you refuse any such development.

Mrs K J Cooper
Myrestone Cottage
Lunanhead
Forfar
Angus
DD8 3PA

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Angus Council
Planning Department
Forfar

Tenacre Cottage
Fonah
Forfar
DD8 2SB

24th August 2021

To whom it may concern,

I wish to object to planning application: 21/00534/FULM. The proposed application raises significant safety concerns for the local residents living within close proximity to the site and there are also major environmental concerns for the surrounding land and its many wildlife sites. This area also hosts Restenneth Priory and also Angus archives, a major visitor attraction for Forfar.

Regards

Lisa Low



Comments for Planning Application 21/00534/FULM

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Case Officer: Ruari Kelly

Customer Details

Name: Lucy McNiven

Address: 107 Dunnichen Avenue Forfar DD8 2EJ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I strongly object to this planning application for the following reasons:

The proposed development is outwith the local development plan and on land suitable for farming.

This will have an impact on neighbouring properties. The company has advised that the site will be in 24 hour operation and there will be cooling fans in use. These will produce a great deal of noise. This will be of particular nuisance during the night.

I question whether it will impact on the road safety of the pedestrian route across the Rosie Road as pedestrians would have to walk through the development site once it is completed, and potentially remove access altogether during the construction stage. This would also make the use of this hugely popular route by parents with young children and dog walkers less appealing, due to the volume of vehicles manoeuvring around the Brechin Road end of the Rosie Road. Therefore, this will impact on the amenity of the area, as well as pedestrian traffic and be of nuisance to the local community.

Despite attending the virtual consultation held by the company, I still have concerns regarding the release of toxic gases into the environment and potential fire/explosion risks, be it through failure of technology or ventilation systems. So would appreciate the council's view on the potential environmental impact. I would also appreciate confirmation of security measures that would be in

place, e.g. whether the site will be manned 24/7, etc.

I would appreciate the council taking my objection on board with regard to this development. I understand and support the need to move to renewable energy but feel there are much more suitable locations for this type of development.

Kind regards,

Lucy McNiven

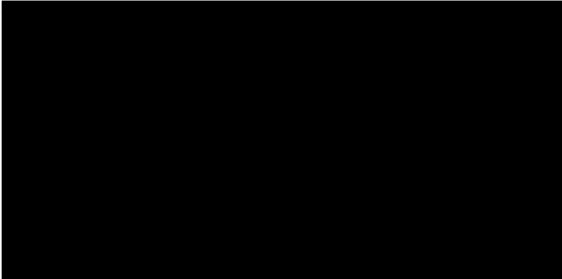
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Angus Council
Planning Department
Angus House
Forfar
24 August 2021

To Whom It May Concern

We wish to object to the planning application **21/00534/FULM**.

Lunanhead is a beautiful village and enormous industrial units will destroy the amenity of the area and could damage local businesses.



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20 Strathmore Avenue
Fomlar
DD8 1NB

Angus Council
Planning Department
BY HAND

26 August 2021

Dear Sirs

21/00534/FULM

I object to this terrible application.

This is a wonderful rural area. The roads are small and are already busy with construction lorries so further HGVs are not acceptable and will be a safety risk to the local community.

I am concerned that the roads will become dangerous for other cars and cyclists.

The negative affect on local people of using this for their amenity is unacceptable.

The environmental impact of building on such a beautiful green site will be irreparable.

Yours faithfully



-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Ward [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 August 2021 13:54
To: PLANNING <PLANNING@angus.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd: Planning for Industrial Battery site

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>> To whom it may concern

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>> Objection to planning application notice 21/00293/PAN Ref

>> 21/00534/FULM

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>> Reference your letter dated 6 th August 2021.

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>> I am writing to state my objection to the plans for the enormous industrial unit on the Forfar to Lunanhead Road. I have seen the plans and have major concerns.

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>> Lunanhead is an attractive village. People often walk out from Forfar to skirt the village. Industrial units such as the Battery Storage proposal will destroy the amenity of the area for the local community.

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>> We already have the Laird business at both ends of the village which leads to continuous heavy traffic from lorries as well as much dust and sand. To add to this traffic, would be deplorable and unacceptable. It also leads to urbanisation of a rural area. In addition it is outside the Forfar development zone. Despite being fenced off with trees planted (which will take years to grow), there will be no disguising an ugly development. Totally inappropriate for a rural area.

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>> I am also concerned about health and safety implications for local

>> people living beside multiple batteries. The designated site is beside a children's playground and Whitehills Hospital. While developers may tell you there is no risk, research shows there have been serious fires at such installations in Liverpool ,Phoenix Arizona , Australia and South Korea. Fires from these batteries are difficult to extinguish , release toxic fumes and I suspect the Forfar fire brigade do not have the facilities to deal with this.

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>> I do hope you will consider these issues. There is a danger that once established further private developers who will gain financially will want to expand. We have to protect our rural areas We do not want Whitehills and Lunanhead being turned into a residential area which is In the middle of an industrial setting.

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>> Your sincerely

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>> Mary Ward

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>> Mary Ward

>> 4 Old Brechin Road

>> Lunanhead

>> Forfar

>> DD8 3NT

From: Matt Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 August 2021 22:34
To: PLANNING
Subject: Objection notice

Good evening,

I would like to state my objection to the proposed mass battery storage site, between gowanbank and lunanhead, forfar.

I believe the site would be damaging to the local community for many reasons. It would have a negative impact on the area due to noise levels increasing, Non compliance as it is within a farm area with workable land, which was not subject for development before this proposal. The visual appearance will not be suited for the local area, increased traffic and road usage, it will effect a well used path from gowanbank into lunanhead used by dog walkers, cyclists and others and the negative environmental impact it will have especially is an emergency situation.

Can you confirm if the part time local fire brigade have been contacted regards this proposal and what measures they have in dealing with such an emergency? I'm worried that the nearest full time fire station that may have the capability for this would be quite sometime away.

I would like to draw your attention to some of the recent fires regarding these sites, especially one down in Liverpool where the fire Burt for days before being brought under control.

I would also like to highlight the fact the company responsible for this venture have never completed something like this before which is extremely worrying.

I understand angus councils greed into having these sites and looking good for 'going green' however the pressures from government should not be forced upon residents. These sites can surely be built in areas away from population and residential sites?

The council are failing us more and more each day with the growing pressures from government and financial cut backs. Please don't let this add to the list of failures to the community.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Matthew smith
Miss Kayleigh noble

56 dunnichen avenue, gowanbank, Forfar, DD82UT

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Case Officer: Ruari Kelly

Customer Details

Name: Mr Angus Spence

Address: 5 Muirlands Court Lunanhead FORFAR DD8 3NE

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Despite online consultations, I have been unable to extract a suitable safety management plan from the proposed developers. Instead, an email of several paragraphs ending by trying to equate these containers as nothing more dangerous than your mobile phone battery is not comforting from a safety position.

The developer should acknowledge the safety record of battery storage and provide suitable mitigation plans to protect the public in the event of an incident in this area.

It should also be noted that should a potential incident occur the impact on the Sub Station could involve serious power interruptions for a wide area of Angus.

I would really like to see the proposers full documented safety plans for the site, especially as Forfar Fire Brigade is a part-time service that may not be specialist enough to deal with a possible fire event at this proposed site.

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Case Officer: Ruari Kelly

Customer Details

Name: Mr Ian Mackay

Address: 70 Dunnichen Avenue Gowanbank Forfar DD8 2EJ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Scottish Parliament

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to this application there have been several battery storage sites exploded causing death and damage to property within a mile radius. The environmental impact of using lithium which is in short supply in the world is a poor decision also there are new batteries in development which will not cause the same problems. Within a short distance there are playing fields and a hospital. There are several housing estates within a short distance also the adjacent land always has good quality crops growing.

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Case Officer: Ruari Kelly

Customer Details

Name: Mr Kenneth Duncan

Address: 113 Dunnichen Avenue Gowanbank Forfar Dd8 2ej

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:Gowanbank and Lunanhead are beautiful villages. Enormous industrial units will destroy the amenity of the area of the local community and reduce house prices.

The cumulative effect of the Laird Factories, the dump and further industrial units, built outside of the Forfar Development Zone would simply be unacceptable and out of character for the rural area.

We are also concerned with the health implications for the local people living beside multiple Lithium Batteries. The smell and noise would be awful and the Rosie road where numerous people walk their dogs could no longer be used, wildlife would also be affected and probably farmers

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Case Officer: Ruari Kelly

Customer Details

Name: Mr Marco Bongiorno

Address: 31 Old Brechin Road Forfar DD8 3NQ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: There are numerous reasons why I object to the proposed plans including: the health and safety risk to residents from Lithium Ion batteries which will be stored there, the noise pollution produced and the decrease to property value within the local community.

I recently moved to the area and one of the main attractions was the amount of outdoor space and walks. I really feel that these proposed plans would be an eyesore and ruin these attractions. The vast scale of the proposed plans will take away outdoor spaces from our community and have a negative impact on wildlife.

Thank you for taking the time to read through my letter and my concerns. I do hope you can bring these forward when the final decision on the planning applications will be made.

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Case Officer: Ruari Kelly

Customer Details

Name: Mr Matthew Smith

Address: 56 Dunnichen Avenue Forfar DD82UT

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Just a quick comment, as a dunnichen avenue resident I was never made aware of this development - I find it very interesting that the 'LIST OF NEIGHBOURS NOTIFIED' and the plan of doing which is unavailable on this site... is it perhaps worth thinking that this wasn't carried out correctly? I'm sure there would be a lot more objections if this was carried out correctly.

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Case Officer: Ruari Kelly

Customer Details

Name: Mr Paul Hosking

Address: 10 Restenneth Place Lunanhead Lunanhead, Forfar DD8 3NF

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I stand in complete objection to this. When an Oxford Professor completes a study of these energy storage units and concludes that they are extremely dangerous and could produce an explosion larger than Beirut last year, perhaps you should listen.

This is right on our doorstep. If one of these catches fire, which reports suggest is a common occurrence, we are right in the firing line. Further to this is the reality that Forfar has 2 part time Fire fighting crews. As professional as they are, they are not in a position to tackle this type of fire on their own which means waiting for Dundee units to attend. These fires are apparently extremely difficult to put out which puts the whole village at further risk. One incident would require the village to be completely evacuated and in a worst case scenario, the whole of Forfar will need to be evacuated.

Even if this is perfectly, absolutely safe, it's still going to be an eye sore. They say they'll put up trees and screen it so we won't notice and that the sound from the air conditioning units isn't that bad. I was born at night, but it wasn't last night. Media reports from other like affected villages state that the promised trees were never planted and the sound of the air conditioning units produced a constant noise across the village. I moved to the countryside for a reason, to get away from ugly industrial sites and the noise generally associated with cities. Our house prices are on the verge of collapse due to this. Who in their right mind would want to move to an area like this where at best there will be constant noise and living next to an industrial site and at worst it could produce an explosion that could eradicate the entire town.

I will oppose this at every step of the way. If you don't reject this then I'll go to councillors. Then I'll

go to our local MPs and we'll try and tie this up in the courts for years.

Reject this, or there will be blood on your hands if one of these explodes.

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Case Officer: Ruari Kelly

Customer Details

Name: Mr Robert Kidd

Address: 3 Muirlands Court Lunanhead Forfar DD8 3NE

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:21/00293

We have enjoyed living in Lunanhead village for more than 40 years, appreciating its community spirit and quiet rural location surrounded by agricultural land providing picturesque scenery for cycling and walking. These benefits and our quality of life will be severely affected by the installation of industrial battery storage buildings on arable land bordering the B9134.

These units will be :

- (a) ugly, visually intrusive for years on the main road & country paths until tree growth screens them,
- (b) noisy, with continuous electrical buzzing sound,
- (c) creating a precedent for further expansion and development of more industrial units detrimental to this fertile rich agricultural area outside the Forfar Development Zone.

We understand the need to provide continuous storage capability for the National Grid from intermittent energy sources such as solar and wind turbine, but why not locate the battery buildings in an established industrial estate or a remote area of little scenic beauty and poor arable quality ?

For these reasons we object strongly to the progress of this development if formal Planning Permission is lodged.

Mrs Esther Kidd & Mr Robert Kidd

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Case Officer: Ruari Kelly

Customer Details

Name: Mr Robin Black

Address: 9 old brechin road Lunanhead Forfar DD8 3NQ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Miscellaneous

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:Lunanhead is a beautiful village and enormous industrial units will destroy the amenities of the area area for the local community the cumulative effects of the lairds concrete works the dump and further industrial units built outside the forfar development zone on agricultural land would be totally unacceptable and out of character for the rural area I am also extremely concerned about the health implications of having multiple lithium storage batteries housed in steel containers virtually leading alongside the main road leading into our village (any fire or explosion in a steel container is effectively a massive bomb ?)

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Case Officer: Ruari Kelly

Customer Details

Name: Mrs A Gow

Address: Pitscandly Forfar DD8 3NZ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am very concerned that Angus Council are not placing all the objection letters on the website. There are at least 8 letters which have not been added to the public comments section which were submitted 2 weeks before the deadline. Please can this be investigated and explained. As it stands, given there are missing letters, and given there could also be missing documents regarding amongst other things the safety of this proposal, the people of Angus may feel they have lost confidence in the integrity of both this planning application and Angus Council.

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Case Officer: Ruari Kelly

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Elizabeth Stobie

Address: 29 Osprey Drive Gowanbank Forfar DD8 2UW

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: i strongly object to this development

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Case Officer: Ruari Kelly

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Heather McNiven

Address: 127 Dunnichen Avenue Forfar DD8 2EJ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This development is outwith the Angus Plan boundary there are plenty of industrial sites within the area more suited.

The Whitehills Hospital is very close to the proposed site as is the local play park and football park which our junior teams train and play in several times a week.

There will be constant noise day and night as there will be a cooling system to stop the units from over heating.

Although we have been told these units are safe there are numerous incidents of fires and explosions from Battery Storage Units. This can cause toxic fumes which are a health issue.

We have a part time fire crew in Forfar are they equipped to deal with an incident were it to happen?

This is predominantly a residential area and people should be able to enjoy their homes and peaceful surroundings.

The Rosie Road is very popular with walkers, joggers and cyclists and its wildlife and plant life should be carefully considered in your decision.

Please take onboard the issues and views that we the residents of this area have brought to your attention.

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Case Officer: Ruari Kelly

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Linda Mackay

Address: 70 Dunnichen Avenue 70 dunnichen avenue Forfar dd82ej

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:I object to this application as several of these battery storage sites have exploded and caused deaths and damage to property within a mile . Lithium is in short supply in the world and batteries of better material are in development .

The land being built on is good farming land and always has good crops on it.

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Case Officer: Ruari Kelly

Customer Details

Name: Mrs PAULINE DUNCAN

Address: 113 DUNNICHEN AVENUE GOWANBANK FORFAR DD8 2EJ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:

Gowanbank and Lunanhead are beautiful villages. Enormous industrial units will destroy the amenity of the area of the local community and reduce house prices.

The cumulative effect of the Laird factories, the dump and further industrial units, built outside of the Forfar Development Zone, would simply be unacceptable and out of character for the rural area.

We are also concerned with the health implications for local people living beside multiple Lithium Batteries. The smell and noise would be awful and the Rosie road where numerous people walk their dogs could no longer be used, wildlife would also be affected and probably Farmers

I strongly object to this proposal

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Case Officer: Ruari Kelly

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Victoria Bongiorno

Address: 31 Old Brechin Road Forfar DD8 3NQ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: There are numerous reasons why I object to the proposed plans including: the vast size of the plans, the fire risk of Lithium Ion batteries which will be stored there, the noise pollution produced and the decrease to property value within the local community.

However, my biggest concern is how there is very little known about the health risk to residents from Lithium Ion batteries and potential toxic fumes. I do not want to raise my young family in an area that could potentially be hazardous to their health.

Thank you for taking the time to read through my letter and my concerns. I do hope you can bring these forward when the final decision on the planning applications will be made.

13 Old Brechin Rd
Lunanhead
Forfar
Angus
DD8 3NQ
25/08/2021

Angus Council Planning
Angus House
Forfar

To Whom It May Concern,

Objection to planning application notices 21/00534/FULM

As a local resident and the owner of a local business situated on the Old Brechin Rd, a stones throw from both sites, I strongly object to the proposals for the battery storage sites.

Lunanhead has always been a beautiful village that has been enjoyed by the local community and even more so since the beginning of lockdown in March 2020. Scores of people have been seen to be walking out from Forfar along the Old Brechin Road, Rosie Road and Carseburn, enjoying the idyllic countryside. This would have a catastrophic effect on the passing trade.

Enormous industrial units will destroy the amenity of the area for the local community. The extra road traffic on top of what we already have to contend with Lairds and Stonepack, will be unbearable. The dirt and the noise from the current level of commercial vehicles is constant at present without adding to it and the disruption during the set up stage would be severely detrimental to my business.

On top of that we have waited for a long time for the flooding issue to be fixed on the Old Brechin Road and wonder what damage the proposed sites will cause to an area already susceptible to surface water flooding.

The proposed sites are out with the Forfar Development Zone and as such from what I have read have to be proven to be a benefit to the local environment and community of which we feel they are neither.

The fire risk from these units is a real threat as had happened both in Liverpool on the 15th September 2020 and Phoenix, Arizona in April 2019. Fires involving lithium batteries are difficult to extinguish and require vast amounts of water/foam. Forfar fire station is not manned 24 hours and would take time for the engines to arrive and depending on the extent of fire most likely not have the facilities to contain it.

Yours Sincerely



21/08/2021

Taylors Wynd

By Lunanhead

Forfar

Angus

25 August 2021

Angus Council
Planning Department
BY HAND

Dear Sirs

21/00534/FULM

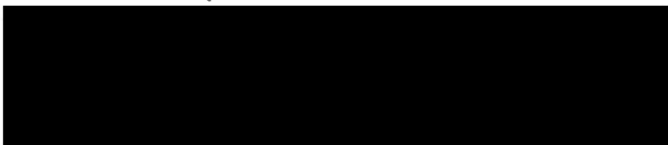
I object to the above noted planning application for a battery stage site between Forfar and Lunanhead.

Lunanhead is a beautiful village and enormous industrial units will destroy the amenity of the area for the local community.

The cumulative effect of the stone factories, the dump and further industrial units, built outside the Forfar Development Zone, would simply be unacceptable and out of character for the rural area.

I am also very concerned with the health implications for local people living beside multiple Lithium Batteries which are hazardous.

Yours sincerely

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

Miss R Rolfe

2705120118

BURN BRAE
CLOCKSBRIGGS
FORFAR
DD8-2TA

ANGUS COUNCIL
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

25TH AUGUST 2021

DEAR SIRS

APPLICATION - 21/00534/FULM

I AM WRITING IN REFERENCE TO THE PLANNING APPLICATION ABOVE. I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED & OBJECT TO THE INDUSTRIAL BATTERY STORAGE BUILDINGS.

THE IMPACT TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IS HORRENDOUS. CAN WE BE PUT AT HIGH RISK TO FIRE OR AN EXPLOSION. I WOULD THINK NOT. IS ANGUS COUNCIL 100% TO GUARANTEE THERE WOULD BE EXTRA FIRE PREVENTIONS IN PLACE / WITH A FULL TIME FIRE SERVICE IN PLACE.

YOURS SINCERELY



Taylor's Wynd

By Lunanhead

Forfar

Angus Council

Planning Department

Angus House

Forfar

25 August 2021

To Whom It May Concern

I object to the planning application **21/00534/FULM**.

I am horrified by this planning application as Lunanhead is a beautiful, rural village and enormous industrial units will destroy the amenity of the area.

The effect of these battery storage units on local people in Lunanhead, Whitehills and Gowanbank will be unacceptable.

The planned building area is outwith the Forfar Development Plan so planning consent should not be given.

Yours sincerely

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Simon Rolfe

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By Lunanhead

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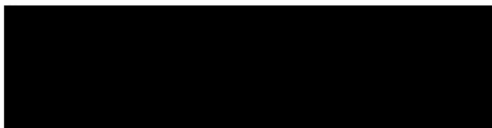
I object to the planning application 21/00534/FULM.

Lunanhead is a beautiful, rural village and enormous industrial units will destroy the amenity of the area.

The buildings will negatively affect local residents and the noise will be unacceptable. Local businesses will be affected and the residents will suffer from extra traffic and noise.

The planned building area is outwith the Forfar Development Plan.

Yours sincerely

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24 August 2021

Dear Sirs

21/00534/FULM

I wish to strongly object to this planning application. These buildings will completely ruin the amenity of the neighbouring houses and the community at large.

I am also concerned for the safety of the local community as the construction traffic will cause chaos on small, already busy roads. It appears from the plans that the areas themselves are also outside the Forfar Development zone so any building would be totally unacceptable.

Please ensure my objections are noted.


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I. Wish to submit my objection to planning application 21/00534/FULM

Loss of agricultural/rural landscape. This development will lead to the increasing urbanisation of Angus. Developments to the East and West of Forfar are destroying the essential character of the town and it's surrounding rural environment.

Safety. While the developers claim that this development will be absolutely safe, there are disturbing examples of hazardous fires giving rise to toxic emissions from similar developments worldwide. To allow such a potential hazard to be created near existing housing, Whichills hospital, and disruption to power supplies from the adjacent complex is irresponsible.

Supposed Green Development. The alleged environmental benefits deriving from this proposal do not take account of wider considerations. The batteries concerned contain substantial amounts of rare earth metals. Such material is often produced by damaging environmental and questionable labour methods. The disposal of these units at the end of there commercial life has not been satisfactorily developed.

Overall this development is of questionable benefit to Forfar and it's immediate environs.

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