

## **Comments for Planning Application 23/00754/FULM**

### **Application Summary**

Application Number: 23/00754/FULM

Address: Land 500M SE Of Balwylo Farm Dun Montrose

Proposal: The construction and operation of a Battery Energy Storage System consisting of up to 40 containerised battery units, associated power conversion units, two switch rooms and other associated equipment sited within a fenced compound with perimeter landscaping.

Case Officer: Ed Taylor

### **Customer Details**

Name: Mr Graeme Muir

Address: 5 Bridge of Dun Station Cottages Montrose

### **Comment Details**

Commenter Type: Miscellaneous

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:As a local resident I object strongly to this proposal, it will take away from the ruralness of the area and it will also affect how the local wildlife reacts to the surroundings such as bats. It will be a blot on a naturally unspoilt area. The roads in the area probably cannot keep up with the construction traffic as currently the Bridge of Dun is closed and there appears to be no timescale for its repair.

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Name: Mr Richard Fairgrieve

Address: 5 Bridge Of Dun Station Cottages MONTROSE

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I strongly object to this construction, as it would create a constant noise from the batteries. It would bring light pollution in an area filled with bats and other rare wildlife including otters and badgers. This is a historically significant village with the listed Bridge of Dun and close by House of Dun. It is an established and growing tourism hotspot with significant local funding going into the surrounding paths and attractions in which a large battery storage facility would not be welcome. The landscaping of such a facility would take over ten years to establish and would be unsightly. There is very little infrastructure to facilitate the building of this as the roads network is struggling for transport and farming and it would be distributing a peaceful area visited by many for private gain. The safety of a highly explosive and open battery farm is of concern to anyone in the five plus mile radius.

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## Customer Details

Name: Mr Steve Oakley

Address: 2 Mains of Dun Cottages Montrose DD10 9LQ

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to any development in this area. This is prime agricultural land and is in close proximity to the wildlife reserve. Heritage Sites and will impact the surrounding environment and undoubtedly impact the ecosystem.

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Name: Timothy McDonnell

Address: The Hollies Barnhead

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Commenter Type: Member of Public

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Comment Reasons:

Comment: I'd like to object in the strongest possible terms; this is an inappropriate use of existing (and quality) farmland in a pleasant and unspoilt landscape. It will act as a blot on land in close proximity to a river of national significance and be visible from many miles away. The benefit of the energy generation and storage is small relative to the negative impacts on local people, landscape and the riverscape from building these facilities. Farmland and countryside must be protected and preserved.