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Subject: Consultation for Land 400M North Of Bankhead Arbirlot Arbroath - 24/00178/FULM
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Dear Veronica,

The Community Council has considered the attached consultation and our response is as follows:

Given the short timescale we are unable to give an informed response and therefore can neither support nor object to the proposal.

We are aware of a further similar planning application in the immediate area that has gathered significant public interest. We would therefore respectfully request that this application be adjourned until this other application (23/00706/FULL) is considered in tandem with it. This would provide a level of fairness to both applicants, as well as the local people. The cumulative effect of both of these developments will have a bearing on the levels of support, or otherwise and we therefore see them as linked.

Regards

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From: PLNProcessing <PLNProcessing@angus.gov.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 9:14 AM
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Please see attached consultation request.

In accordance with Section 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, the planning authority is required to give 14 days notice of an application to statutory consultees. In accordance with those regulations, we will not determine the application until after the expiration of that period.

If no consultation response has been received within 14 days, we will assume you have no objection or other comments to make on the proposal.

**Regards,
Veronica.**

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F.A.O. Ed Taylor

Dear Sirs

Planning application 24/00178/FLUM

Having managed to view at Arbroath Library some of the many pages of information regarding the above planning application there are two areas which cause me some concern.

Firstly, the public roads which they propose to use for access to the farm are in my opinion unsuitable in their present state for use by the large number of HGV trucks that will be required. It is a narrow single-track road with a ditch on one side, hedgerows on both sides and no passing places. Do they intend to enter and exit by the same route? Or will they exit to the left using another single-track road with no passing places.

I fear for the safety of the numerous walkers, often with dogs, and cyclists who regularly use both roads as part of a popular circular route from the town. These roads are also used by people who live locally on the five other farms in the immediate area and in particular are walking with young children.

My second concern is the disruption to wildlife in this area. To do an assessment on one day in midwinter on a strip of land in a potato field covered in large areas of flood water seems rather inadequate to me. I have lived here for 25 years and would describe it as a haven for wildlife. It is away from busy main roads with little in the way of traffic. New hedgerows and trees round the pond, which was also new, and along the side of the ditch at the north end of the proposed battery site were planted around 2006. The area along the ditch is now an important wildlife corridor used by the roe deer to move between Crudie Acres and the Newton on their way to the Brax woods.

I have counted up to 39 different species of birds that I have observed on the farm and this includes a regular winter coveys of around 15 grey partridges which frequent the fields around where these batteries are to be kept. As well as birds there are numerous mammals including brown hares, hedgehogs, moles, weasel and stoat as well as roe deer and foxes.

Finally, from the plans I managed to look at I could not see where the electricity comes in or where it comes from nor where it goes out presumably to the nearby substation.

This makes me suspect that the batteries are like putting the cart before the horse as we are hearing rumours that Lochaber is to be covered in solar panels. If this is the case, Lochaber will no longer be a farm but a massive industrial unit. Presumably if permission is granted for the batteries, then there must be a belief that permission for the solar panels will automatically follow.

As a last comment, I wonder how many tons of CO₂ will be produced in total if this project goes ahead?

Yours faithfully

Jean Tyrie (Mrs)

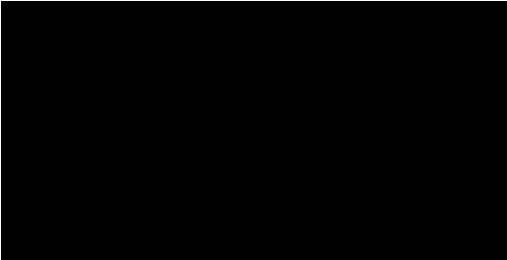
24/00178/FULM

Development of a battery energy storage system with a capacity of 49.9MW comprising storage containers, control building, transformers, fencing, CCTV, access, landscaping and associated works

Land 400M North Of Bankhead Arbirlot Arbroath

Neighbouring Property – copy of **OBJECTION** comment submitted online on 15/04/2024, no acknowledgement received.

Marjory & Ken MacDonald



16 April 2024

Having attended the Pre-application consultation and been given information about the battery energy storage system (BESS) which is the subject of this application, our position is that we do not have any reason to object to what is proposed *per se*. We do, however, object to this application on the following grounds:

We have learned through the local grapevine that the owner of Lochaber Farm, in which the site of the proposed BESS is situated, has intentions to lease out the entirety of Lochaber Farm land for the creation of a solar farm linked to the BESS. We raised this concern with the agent for the applicant, and received a reply to the effect that their client, Ecocel Energy (Scotland) Limited had no existing or future plans for any solar panels or solar farm at Lochaber. Ecocel Energy (Scotland) Limited is not the owner of the land, and is described as an Introducer Appointed Representative. We imagine that any future application for a solar farm would be made in the name of a different applicant.

Our feeling is that the fact that this application makes no reference to a development of a solar farm is a deliberate attempt to pull the wool over the eyes of the planners and the public, and our concern is that if permission for the BESS were to be granted without our objecting, we, as owners of Bankhead, would find it difficult to successfully object to a later application for consent to a solar farm if we had not raised our concerns at this initial stage.

Therefore although we would have no objections to the BESS being installed if that was the total extent of the development, we would like it to be noted that we will strongly object to the creation of a solar farm, and that we are disappointed that the application being made does not disclose the whole picture.

Marjory & Ken MacDonald

Comments for Planning Application 24/00178/FULM

Application Summary

Application Number: 24/00178/FULM

Address: Land 400M North Of Bankhead Arbirlot Arbroath

Proposal: Development of a battery energy storage system with a capacity of 49.9MW comprising storage containers, control building, transformers, fencing, CCTV, access, landscaping and associated works.

Case Officer: Ed Taylor

Customer Details

Name: Mr Glen Whitton

Address: Rose cottage Denfield road Arbroath DD112QN

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Having more information and enlightenment from the proposed solar array at Denfield farm - i strongly object to proposed battery bank and all its accumulative undesignated future plans. This plant will be in full display from the properties at Rosebank. The noise levels generated from this equipment at Denfield has noise pollution issues and as we are a similar distance from the Lochaber battery bank (we are not quoted in report), the accumulative noise pollution generated by both plants when in operation will bring an unpleasant and unnatural industrial tone all over the area. This constant noise will affect property prices in the area and make it an undesirable place to live - which at the moment it is not.

Just to add i have experienced further noise and issues which can arise from these inverter containers (offshore) and as they are not manned 24 /7 for sure this area will experience noise at levels far beyond any projections shown.

I dont see any fire suppression systems which one would think are per se in the containers but this really needs to be throughout the whole installation site and a fire plan agreed with the Scottish fire service.