



Goodrest Farm BESS Application

Dear Resident,

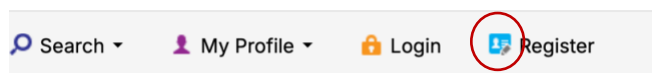
As you may be aware, a planning application has been submitted to Bromsgrove District Council by Grenergy, for a Battery Energy Storage System (Bess) in the vicinity of Goodrest Farm (24/00960/FUL). This is exacerbated by the fact that a similar BESS has been approved for Lowlands Farm, and a further planning application for a BESS site at Illey Brook Farm has gone to appeal. Both of these are within the jurisdiction of Dudley Metropolitan Council. Nevertheless, all three sites are within the Green Belt and less than one mile apart.

If you object to this Goodrest Farm BESS then ***it is important that you lodge your objection*** with Bromsgrove District Council via the Planning Portal. Following a request by residents, the purpose of this short newsletter is to guide you through the objection process. The more objections are lodged, the more your voice is heard.

Access to the planning portal is via the link shown below, or simple search for “Bromsgrove Planning Portal”. The application can be found by typing in the reference 24/00960/FUL in the portal search option.

<https://publicaccess.bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Once on the portal you have to register to lodge a comment or objection. To register select “Register” shown at the top of the page. You will then have to register your name, address, email address and set a password. Please note that more than every member of each household can raise an objection.



Please note that when typing your objection there is a 30-minute timeout limit so if your response is lengthy, it may be wise to type in a separate document and paste into the portal.

You can also email your objection directly to the Case Officer at: paul.lester@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

You can also submit by post to: Town Hall, Walter Stranz Square, Redditch B98 8AH.

We also recommend that you lodge your objection with your local MP at: bradley.thomas.mp@parliament.uk

Many have asked what topics are relevant to the objection and though not exhaustive areas are:

- Multiple BESS sites in the same tract of Green Belt
- Harm to the Green Belt, encroachment, inappropriateness and fragmentation of countryside
- History and heritage (close to Monarch’s Way etc)
- Close proximity to residential housing
- Fire and explosion risk, leading to:
- Pollution and toxicity risk
- Noise Pollution
- Flood risk
- Ecological damage (wildlife, birds)
- Terrorist threat.

Regarding deadlines, we have been advised that objections can be lodged up until the decision date (not yet known), but the Planning Officer has recommended that they be lodged by 21st November.

Hunnington Parish Council will be submitting an objection as a consultee, and we will strive to represent the views of Hunnington residents. Our next council meeting is at 7pm on 25th November and residents are encouraged to attend for any updates, and it’s always good to meet each other!

If you have not already done so we recommend that you join the Hunnington residents WhatsApp group to keep up to date. To join please message Karen Payne on 07976 158510.