



**Bradley Thomas MP**  
**Member of Parliament for Bromsgrove and the Villages**

Dear Resident(s)

I'm writing to you on this occasion regarding planning application **24/00960/FUL** which proposes a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and associated infrastructure on land off Illey Lane, Hunnington.

Given the volume of correspondence I have received on this matter from local residents, I'm aware there is significant opposition to this planning application.

Although I as your MP do not have a formal role in the planning process, I am opposed to the proposals to develop a BESS on this site.

The 3.8 hectare site is within green belt land. It is my firm view that we should not be developing on precious green belt land, especially when this land is already under assault from the Government's revised National Planning Policy Framework.

Our constituency is 89% green belt, and I was elected with a mandate to protect our green belt and to fight against inappropriate green belt development to protect our rural way of life. I will only support development in the right locations and on brownfield land first. Clearly this proposal fails both those tests.

Having read the responses from both the statutory and non-statutory consultees to this application, it is clear to me that they are concerned at the impact of this proposal on both the local environment and highways infrastructure, whilst the application also undermines our food security, distinct rural identity and increases the risk of flooding.

I have therefore written to Bromsgrove District Council to strongly urge them to reject this application and ensure we preserve this land for agriculture and for the betterment of local nature and wildlife.

As part of my work to oppose this application, I'm conducting a survey of local residents to gather their views on the planning application. Please have your say by scanning the QR code below.



If there's anything else I can do to help then please don't hesitate to get in touch, whether on this matter, or any other that affects you or your family.

Kind regards

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