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Planning Objection

I wish to object to the proposed development due to the severe and disproportionate impact it will have on local rural roads and residents.

The application describes the site as being in "close proximity" to existing electricity infrastructure. However, the proposal requires approximately 8.1 km of underground cabling works along local roads. This represents major infrastructure works and prolonged disruption across a wide rural area, which is not consistent with the ordinary understanding of "close proximity".

The proposal will involve extensive traffic disruption, including:

- full road closures for periods of up to five months, and
- stop/go traffic management on the L3103 for approximately six weeks.

These are narrow rural roads with limited alternative access routes and are relied upon daily for access to homes, farms, schools, work and essential services.

The development also requires Extraordinary Abnormal Loads of up to approximately 90 metres in length and 380 tonnes in weight. The EIAR acknowledges that temporary works may be required, including roadside alterations and vegetation removal, yet fails to clearly identify the specific works required on local roads such as the L3103. Residents are therefore unable to properly assess the true extent of the impacts.

The unsuitability of these roads for oversized traffic is already evident. In my own locality, a telecommunications pole had to be replaced with an extra-tall structure due to repeated damage to overhead wires caused by ordinary lorries using the route. This clearly demonstrates the constrained nature of the road network and raises serious concerns regarding the suitability of these roads for abnormal loads of the scale proposed.

The application does not adequately assess the cumulative impact of prolonged road disruption, abnormal load movements, infrastructure damage and construction works on the local community.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that permission be refused.

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