

**Karen Malpass (Law and Governance)**

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**Subject:** Planning Application No.P22/1733. Proposed provision of battery energy storage system at Lowlands Farm, Illey

Dear Karen, I enclose a copy of the Abbey Trusts Objection to the above illustrating the outstanding landscape as viewed from PROW NoH87 , for information regarding DBLAF meeting 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Kind regards

Roy Burgess  
Halesowen Abbey Trust

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19th September 2023

Dear Catherine Golightly,

**Planning Application No.P22/1733 Proposed provision of battery energy storage system. Land adj., to the M5 Motorway, Lowlands Farm, Illey, Halesowen.**

On Monday, the 18th September 2023, I took a very pleasant walk, in the Illey countryside, along Public Footpath No. H87. This path links to The Illey Way, at Coopers Wood, and thence to a section of Woodgate Valley Country Park at Kitswell, via a pedestrian bridge over the M5 Motorway.

I took the attached photograph on an elevated section of path No. H87, looking in a westerly direction, near the approach to the motorway bridge, overlooking the field where the development is proposed.

The photograph speaks for itself. 'A traditional English scene, from a farm gate, with cattle grazing in open pasture, a wooded stream valley (originating from the ancient Kitswell), and on the far horizon the majestic Clent and Walton Hills.'

The Ordnance Survey Map indicates that the pasture falls away to the West by 15 metres. This will involve major cut and fill earthworks to provide level construction platforms . The resultant affect will place the development in a dominant position, which will be totally inappropriate in this location.

The views of the countryside, from the adjacent public path will be severely impacted and totally ruined by this industrial scale proposal.

**P.S Please add our objection to the Planning Register**

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Roy Burgess  
Chairman & Trustee  
Halesowen Abbey Trust

