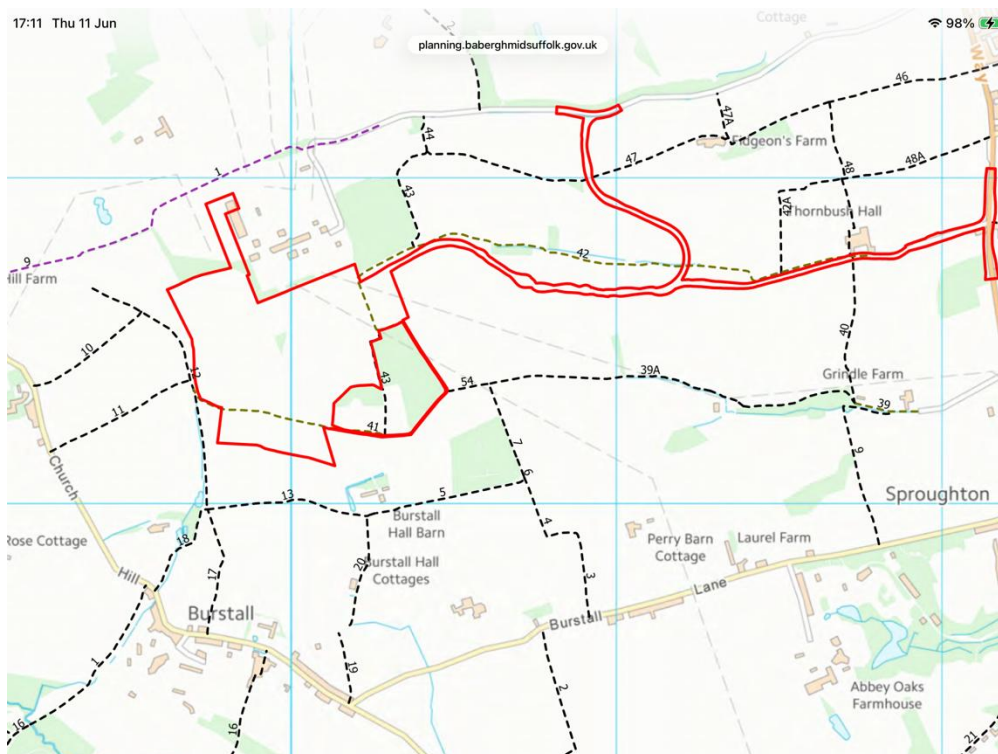


Burstall Against BESS

STOP the industrialisation of the countryside surrounding Burstall.

Dear Residents,

Our village and its peaceful surroundings are under threat from an ever-growing wave of renewable energy infrastructure. The Parish Council has been made aware of a planning application for a huge **1500MW Battery Energy Storage Site (BESS)**, just **550m from Burstall**, covering a whopping **35 hectares**! Enough is enough.



- **Safety Concerns:** Battery storage sites carry risks of fire and chemical hazards. Placing such a facility close to our homes puts residents at unnecessary risk. Current regulations state that only one fire in one container needs to be considered, however a recent run-away fire at a BESS in Tilbury (photo at bottom) lasted days and there is still no viable plan to remove contaminated water. The planned **BESS is 5x the size of Tilbury** and will have **hundreds of containers**.
- **Environmental Impact:** Our green spaces and local wildlife stand to suffer from this development. The unique character of our rural community is at stake.
- **Noise and Visual Intrusion:** The construction and ongoing presence of this site will bring cumulative noise and visual disruption.
- **Cumulative impacts:** This BESS will be the first development south of the substation, impinging on the rural quiet of Burstall, however the cumulative impact of this project, the National Grid pylon projects, solar farm and other BESS projects are huge.

What We Are Currently Doing

1. Lobbying politicians to consider all developments at the Bramford Substation site as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), *which will bring increased scrutiny, central ownership and accountability.*
2. Ensuring the applicant's Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is complete and accurate, by instructing Richard Buxton solicitors and 4 expert consultants covering the risks to air and water contamination, landscape and heritage impacts, and noise. The solicitor successfully opposed a similar development by correctly highlighting the risks.
3. Raising concerns about the Resilience, Continuity & Safety of the Bramford Substation site. *If 20-30% of the UK's power passes through this site, what happens when it fails and what is being done to disperse and conceal the risk?*
4. Requesting a moratorium on all new development at the Bramford Substation site until an adequate risk assessment is completed. *There is currently a moratorium on all BESS in Scotland.*
5. Developing relationships with other protest groups. *Gain strength from increased numbers and learn from their successes.*

What We Need

- Help, support and ideas from you:
 - What expertise do you have and can you offer?
 - What time can you give to help fight this development?
 - Fund-raising – our initial response has been funded by the Parish Council and private donors, however we are going to have to build a much larger fund to pay for the required ongoing professional advice. How can you help and what ideas do you have?
- Attend a meeting on **Monday 22nd June at 7pm at Burstall Village Hall** to show your support, hear whatever information we have, offer ideas and support.

Let's Draw the Line—Protect Our Village and Our Countryside

We can make a difference – Burstall Parish Council has in the past three years succeeded in reducing the ENSO solar panels project from 100 to 35 acres, and 2 years ago we raised successful objections to a 15 metre high phone mast in the centre of the village. Our voice can make a difference! Thank you for standing with your community.

