20th April 2016

40 Well Lane
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Staffordshire Moorlands
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Ms. Rachael Simpkin
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Dear Ms. Simpkin,

RE: PROPOSED BUILDING OF NEW RESIDENCE REF NO: SMD/2016/0187 – Well Lane
I live directly opposite to this proposed new residence at Meadow View, Well Lane and so this proposal I feel directly affects me.

We recently had a vote to stop the build on green belt land across from my house, which has beautiful trees and wildlife and, although I know it does not always count, wonderful scenery. This was agreed by the Council and the building of new houses was turned down. One of the voters against this was the person now intending to build on that land, which he had, I understand, bought from the farm owner approximately 2 years ago, obviously with this new build in mind. He did actually advise us at that time that he wanted it to build an extension over the top of his garage and would not extend out or beyond the double garage he now has and I had no reason at that time to disbelieve him. However, he removed an established hedgerow which was within the green belt land which I did feel was not right at the time, but being a neighbour, did not want to fall out with him as I have lived here a great many years and he just a few after moving into the house after his mother, who had lived there for many years, went into a home.

The proposed building now will be directly opposite my home, will tower above it and block out light that we have enjoyed for many years, as the land on that side of the road is another house size higher than ours to begin with. The impact this will have on the light and privacy of my home will affect me greatly. I have been extremely ill recently with bladder cancer and the view I have left across the green belt, helped in no small way to my remission and well being at the present time.

I feel that the site will be over developed as already the family have one drive and 3 cars. If the drive is to be shared by another family this will affect the access and safety through Well Lane, as many horses use the lane as it is a safer place for them to ride. The present owners have Sunday lunch visitors every week who also overspill into the lane in front of my bungalow with another 3 cars each week until evening.

I am a train driver whose main shifts are 10 to 12 hour evenings. The shifts I work will not be altered to accommodate any lack of sleep that I cannot get through the day because of building work. We have only just seen completed another extension across from my home, which did go above the original roof of their bungalow and further out to the side which took away a lot of the view and I suffered from a lack of sleep over 12 months because of the building work then.

I have a safety critical job and I am worried about my health and my remission in consequence of this. f you could please consider the openness of the green belt and the inappropriate development requested, I would be very grateful.

Thank you for your time, and of course, your decision. Whatever it may be.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Mr Steven Unwin