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Application Reference No. : SMD/2016/0269
Site Address: Land Junction Of HOT LANE BIDDULPH MOOR STAFFORDSHIRE
Comments by: Glyn Stanway
From:
Phone
Email:
Submission: Objection
Comments: I am writing to object to the proposed development at the junction of Hot Lane and the Top Road and these are my reasons. The site is in the Green Belt and I believe the Council has an obligation to protect the Green Belt though I recognise the Council is under pressure to deliver accommodation. The Green Belt is an ever dwindling resource in an ever more urbanised country. I believe the proposal has to demonstrate an overriding ¿need¿ to justify overturning the obligation to protect the Green Belt and I think it does not. This site is in the Green Belt and although the land is not used for agricultural purposes, the former use as a water storage facility as had very minimal visual or environmental impact in my lifetime (and I was born here in 1950). This would not be the case if this development is allowed. This proposal is on a site that is prominently situated at the highest part of Biddulph Moor. It is also on the skyline so obviously has a visual impact on those in the immediate vicinity. The site itself is, I believe, unsuitably situated between the busy Top Road and the single track road, Hot Lane. Hot Lane is being used increasingly as a shortcut between the village and the Top Road. Agricultural vehicles use Hot Lane constantly together with farm delivery vehicles and bulk milk collection and any entrance or exit from the proposed site would add to an already dangerous situation. In all normal developments a number of services are required e.g. water, electricity, drainage and sewerage. I believe the water supply may be a problem as will the disposal of sewerage. At the present time there isn¿t a main sewer beyond the junction of Hot Lane and Stanways Lane. Properties above this line either have septic tanks or storage tanks and using either of these methods on the proposed development would bring logistical and environmental problems. I hope when you come to weigh up the merits of this proposal, you will think very carefully about the duty the Council has to protect the Green Belt and the environment, also the impact this proposal would undoubtedly have on this small area and the residents who daily have to cope with more and more traffic on a dangerous road. Respectfully yours Mr and Mrs G Stanway.