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**From:** Planning (SMDC)  
**Subject:** FW: Comment Received from Public Access

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Application Reference No. : SMD/2016/0171 Site Address: The Caravan Cheadle Road Alton Staffordshire ST10 4DH  
Stoke On Trent Comments by: M Slinn  
From:

Peakstones Inn  
Cheadle Road

Alton  
Staffordshire  
ST10 4DH

Submission: Objection

Comments: 1 / I strongly object to this planning application and ask you consider the following

2 / This is an area of Natural beauty which also is a SSSI to the northern edge and the applicant has done various works on this land without any planning permission including living on the property with no permission and an enforcement order still on the property

3 / Excavation of many tons of sandstone was done and the enforcement gave orders to put same back and this was not done it was removed with extensive amount of wagons to said site taking the stone away (illegal mining!)

4 / The applicant excavated the pond to the north to allow the water in same to fall into the valley below and then filled the pond not only to the original level but approximately 80 to 100 feet higher thereby increasing the height of said ground and ultimately levelling the ground and this in my layman's opinion could result in changing the water course to the west

5 / Not only was it raised but extended into the Ancient wood to the north covering some of the established trees which would come under protection of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Paragraph 118

I am no expert and had no expert opinion however I am sure your experts would be able to check and subsequently confirm this extensive previous landfill extends beyond the applicants boundary as detailed in the land registry into the Ancient wood covering a number of the trees and using same as a barrier to sustain the landfill deposited below

6 / Albeit the Woodlands Trust object to the development they also comment reference a 15 metre buffer around any such development (should it be allowed), this being the case this would not leave enough land for such an extensive development

7 / The proposed application would clearly be seen from the road and the surrounding areas and the increase in traffic from the 16 caravans and 7 tents and potentially over 150 people travelling in and out of the site on an already dangerous and accident prone road also additional noise pollution, this development would only add to the existing problem as only last month there was a head on collision only yards from the applicants entrance which has never had any planning to open an access at that point

8 / The re-grading works consisted of some hundreds of thousands of tons of rubble and such like being tipped into the pond and far above the original contours of the ground and not from re-grading from the south and west to the north

9 / The land is and has frequently been used in an agricultural manner including breeding of dogs also in buildings that had no planning (presently has geese on the land)

10 / Planning was submitted in 2009 by the applicant to exchange a static caravan which he currently lived in for a 4 bedroom bungalow. This was refused by planning for the reason of the applicant should not be living in a static caravan on the land as no permission granted and therefore had no official status to live there albeit he did

11 / The so called minor alterations were in fact very extensive and these works were under continuous observation from first visit 20 February 2015 of Katherine Wooldridge (Senior Planning Regulation Officer) Staffordshire County Council when it was first brought to her attention after numerous attempts to establish the correct department

Also my land to the north with a 45 degree repose has been cut into to facilitate some of the buildings the applicant has built.

And with regards to point 3 : the land measures not more than 4 acres and not 13 acres (5.2 ha) as in the planning application

12 / Also my business is situated next door to the applicant and I have an existing static caravan and touring park and with the decline in numbers to Alton Towers I believe this would adversely affect my business causing a reduction in staff, also the site is to the rear of the grounds and not easily seen