12th December 2016

Planning Support
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
Moorlands House
Stockwell Street
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Staffordshire
ST13 6HQ

Dear Sir,

Application Number	**SMD/2016/0729**
Applicant's name	**Mr & Mrs Prior**
Location	**The Malthouse, Foxt, ST102HN**
Proposed Development	**Erection of 3 bedroom bungalow and new vehicular access**

We object to this development for the following reasons:

1. If the development in the garden of The Malthouse is permitted we fear that an unfortunate precedent will be set and there will be further infilling. The centre of Foxt is unsuited to high density housing.
2. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council is planning to make Foxt a Conservation Area. Councillor Edwin Wain, cabinet member for planning, development and property at the council, has said that: 'The Staffordshire Moorlands is rightly regarded as amongst the most beautiful regions of the country and we have a responsibility to preserve the special character of this area for future generations to enjoy as much as we do today'.
3. There seems to be a rush to seek permission for further development before Foxt attains Conservation Area status. Such a designation is supposed to protect and preserve the village from unwanted development, with residents having a greater say on its future. We consider that the proposed development will be contrary to this tenet.

Yours faithfully,

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