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Application Reference No. : SMD/2017/0055
Site Address: Land East Of Woodleigh ASHBOURNE ROAD BOTTOMHOUSE LEEK STAFFORDSHIRE
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Submission: Objection
Comments: I am writing to object to this proposal.

Planning history and related planning decisions:

An application SMD/2015/0573 to erect a shed in this field was previously refused in 2015. The plan shows that the land adjoins field number SF585254. This small field along with field SF578173 had planning permission refused for a single Animal Shelter in Dec 2012 (Ref:12/01051/FUL).

Design and visual impact:

We objected to the 2015 application on this site - SMD/2015/0573. A subsequent application in an adjoining field - SMD/2016/0149 was allowed in 2016 and this site now has two wooden sheds with wooden fencing. These are unsightly and out of character. The addition of similar structures in the next field will do nothing to help promote the Moorlands as tourist destination of outstanding natural beauty. Indeed it has the potential to make traditional agricultural pasture look almost like a collection of ramshackle allotment type sheds.

Natural conservation and intrusion into Open countryside:

The acreage of the land is very small. The erection of yet another structure in this small area will further impact adversely on the look and feel of what was previously open agricultural grassland. There is a density issue.

Highway safety:

Creating another concealed entrance onto the busy A53 road presents safety issues for slow moving horse boxes, cars or other vehicles turning in and out of the site, particularly at dusk or night.

As this application appears not to meet any of the strategic aims or objectives of the Staffordshire Core Strategy Development Plan it should be refused.