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Sent: 09 January 2018 11:41
To: Planning (SMDC)
Subject: Planning Application No SMD/2017/0794 - Objection

Planning Support/ Staffordshire Moorlands District Council,

Thank you for your letter dated 21/12/2017 regarding the Proposed Development on Stanley Road.

I would like to object to the proposal for the following reasons:

1 The site/area concerned is a tree lined road in a rural area principally consisting of green belt farmland and there is already 2 existing access points to the field/site, one of which is from the farm itself and the other from Clewlows Bank. Farm animals have occupied this field for the 50 years I have lived opposite and probably many years before that and the existing access has been more than adequate. The removal of the hedge line and trees (which are protected under preservation orders) to create a third and unnecessary access point would be detrimental to the local countryside.

2 The grass verge has a ditch running down Stanley Road which serves as natural drainage and a concrete slab blocking this natural/existing drain away could cause flooding to the road or neighbouring houses if there is no alternative plan to deal with the 'run off' of rain water from the slopping field/site.

3 An increase in farm vehicles, manoeuvring parking and loading etc directly opposite residential dwelling houses would be obtrusive and unsightly for local residents again given the fact there is already 2 existing access points.

As a resident for over 50 years who has served the local and wider community for many of those years I can't understand why this is needed in the first instance and secondly if it was, 'why it is not proposed to improve the access from the farm itself?' as that is where the infrastructure/access is normally needed for farming activities which could be achieved with little or no adverse impact on surrounding residences instead of this proposal on a tree lined country road in an area of natural beauty obscuring the scenery that local residents have enjoyed for many decades.

I trust you will give my objections respectful consideration and decline the proposed development.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Elaine Potts

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