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Application Reference No. : SMD/2018/0328 Site Address: LANE END COTTAGE WHIRLEY LOW TOWN  
END ROAD FOXT STAFFORDSHIRE ST10 2HR STOKE-ON-TRENT

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Submission: Support

Comments: I fully support this application.

Young people are struggling to find an affordable home, many are trapped in the private rental sector, paying exorbitant rents for sub standard housing, through no fault of their own. The days of good company pensions and early retirement are a thing of the past. With the retirement age creeping up and guaranteed job security non existent, added to the escalating cost of living, they are having a tough time getting onto the housing ladder. The older generation must be careful that it does not become a catalyst for resentment having as it does, good quality housing, company and state pensions, many retiring well before the official retirement age. These are things well out of reach of the young and any future generations.

There seems to be a slight difference of opinion over Foxt being a "Thriving" village.

Rock House Farm, which has three holiday cottages, is seeking planning permission to change them to residential use. Reason stated that the business is not viable. The owners have supplied accounts to SMDC as proof this is the case.

M & B Auto's wrote a statement to SMDC, when the business combined with Barks application to build three bungalows on the site. Mr Brindley stated that he needed to relocate, his garage business was struggling for custom, he had little trade from the village and very little passing trade. He saw his only option was to locate to the either Cheadle or Leek so that he could make a living.

I am sure Mr Brindley was not fabricating any falsehoods or untruths, as are not the owners of Rock House Farm. The Foxt and Goose has had a stream of landlords over the last few years attempting to generate a business, summer trade is always good as long as the sun shines. Winter is another story when it is reliant on the locals. The "Thriving Village" statement rings hollow.

My son owns the field next to the proposed development, he has no thoughts, let alone intentions of developing this field. so why people are assuming (quite wrongly) without any proof that he is, is just down to conjecture, and scare mongering tactic's by certain individuals.

A small site nestling between the properties at Whirley Low and the housing on the Town Head Road / Shawwall Lane crossroads, with properties at Red Row and Park Nook looking down towards it, and the continuation of property as you proceed up the Casey, hardly places this site in a vast open space. It carries on

the Linear Line / Ribbon appearance of the village.

The plan is for cottage type appearance, to reflect the type of housing already there.

I hope the young are considered to be an important part of the infrastructure, and are allowed to live decently in housing they can afford in an area where they belong.