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Application Reference No. : SMD/2018/0300 Site Address: Lynwood Renwick Lane Winnothdale Cheadle Staffordshire ST10 1TX Stoke-on-trent
Comments by: Steve and Chris Swetnam
From:

Renwick Lane
Freehay
Cheadle

Phone:
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Submission: Objection
Comments: We have just received communication of this application since we have been on holiday to celebrate retirement and there are no notices posted in the area.

We live next door to this property and objected to the original application on the basis that no property had been in existence on the site previously except for a temporary mobile home for an elderly relative who is now sadly deceased. The land was then acquired by the applicant.

We were unhappy that the proposed new building would overlook our home and meant there would be a building much nearer to us than had been the case in the 27 years we have lived here in the Staffordshire Moorlands, with both employment and a small business in the area.

We were however assured that there would be no windows looking towards our property and informed by the new owner of the site that the property was for himself and his wife since their children are grown. On the basis of this assurance we did not object when the new owner radically cut a large number of laurels which provided privacy to our property and separation from his site and were consistent with the nature of the area and replaced some of this with a low level fence which is the only fence in the area.

This new proposal to change the proposed house into a much bigger property brings the building even nearer to us and will have a major detrimental impact on our property, overlooking our bedroom, hall and garden space. Additionally a large number of big windows on both floors are proposed, compared to small toilet windows in the previous application, which will look directly into french doors in our bedroom, hall and gardens and will completely change our enjoyment of our property. This is not really clear on the plans which seem confused on the orientation.

It seems somewhat surprising to add additional footprint in a second application when the first building is not yet complete and we feel this is an attempt to manipulate the planning process. The question is whether the planning team would have approved such a large house in the place of the mobile home in the first place. In fact the original application cited the footprint of the mobile home and two outbuildings to justify the original house and the two outbuildings are still in situ with no evidence of them being removed, so these could be used as further building space going forward.

I am not clear whether the fact that the applicant is a long term resident is relevant but if so I would like to state that we have also lived here for 27 years, living and working in the area in businesses which have provided employment to other residents and being born and bred in Staffordshire so would hope our interests would have equal weight to those of the applicant. I would hope that a site visit would be appropriate and that we would have the opportunity to discuss the impact this would have on our property.