The Croft, 77 The Green, Cheadle

30th July 2018

Planning Department
Staffordshire Moorland District Council
Moorlands House
Stockwell Street
Leek
Staffordshire Moorlands
ST13 6HQ

Dear Sirs / Madam,

Objection to Planning – Application: SMD/2018/0408.

Proposed re-roofing and extension to rear of existing dwelling, new front porch and new out house store building.

I write to your office in response to a letter my wife and I received from you regarding a development at 79 The Green, Cheadle, which happens to be adjoining our property which is 77 The Green. May we first say there is no ill feeling between ourselves and our neighbors and they are fully aware of our intention to objecting to some parts of their development.

In general, we have no problem with Mr Hawley improving his property, in fact we applaud him for doing so, it is only the impact that the said alterations will have on our property that concerns us, namely windows facing our property. Because of the proximity of the property, it has always been accepted the windows would not overlook our property which has always lead to a peaceful existence. If the proposed plan goes ahead this would not be the case, as any privacy which we have enjoyed over the past forty years would be gone, the fact that Mr Hawley recognizes. He has in the last few months suggested to me the window that is already on the side in question regarding his lack of privacy, after he refurbished his kitchen, which enables us to see straight through his kitchen window, which he was not very happy with. Now he wishes to put more windows on the same side making the situation even worse.

His suggestion with the kitchen window problem was to remove my hedge and replace it with 6ft wooden panels or for me to allow the hedge to reach a similar height which means I would be giving up my right to control over my boundary. I can ensure you this is not going to happen.

To my knowledge three generations of Hawley's have owned the said property with never a missed word or any animosity. I have taken legal advice on this matter and feel Mr Hawley has not thought this through very well, as some small reconfiguration of the interior would deem it unnecessary to place windows on the side of the development, as any windows could be placed on the back wall of his property and we would have no reason to object to his development. This would benefit Mr Hawley as any

development which would take place on my property i.e. a single storey building on my boundary which we or anyone else could do at a later date would not be any detriment to Mr Hawley's property. If the development went ahead and for some reason it reduced my ability to build onto my boundary, this would substantially reduce the value of my property and I would have a claim for devaluation.

It is our wish that the council consider our objections carefully and that common sense prevails and can return to the peaceful existence that we have always had.

Sincerely,

Mr. C G Alcock
Mrs. D E Alcock.

