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Site Address: Land Cornering Rudyard Road And Gun Hill Road Meerbrook Staffordshire

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Submission: Objection

Comments: The site of this building is effectively a traffic island, bordered directly as it is by a number of relatively busy roads serving Leek, Wincle, Swythamley, Heaton, and Meerbrook. Lacking any form of public transport infrastructure, there is an abundance of local traffic for essential journeys to schools, shops, train station and local facilities. This location also deals with frequent large farm vehicles, fuel deliveries, and of course tourist traffic year round.

There is no parking, and it is imperative that this multi-directional junction is kept clear at all times, with a clear line of sight in all directions in order to avoid inevitable accidents.

The trees which are all protected by TPOs cannot fail to be damaged by this proposed construction, and as our woodland cover is only 12% nationally we can ill afford to lose or damage yet more mature trees due to a large house of any type being built in this small wood.

The proposed construction is not architecturally exceptional, nor in any way is it sympathetic to the local vernacular which typically comprises gritstone and slate farmhouses and outbuildings. It will also be clearly visible as a large dark lump inside the small wood which can not be described as enhancing the location.

This 'tree-house' will undoubtedly be used as a holiday let, is inaccessible other than by car, and this traffic island can in no way accommodate parking for up to 4 vehicles at a time.

I find nothing to commend this application, and local residents who strictly adhere to all local planning restrictions and regulations, would be nothing short of appalled if it was to be approved.

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