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Regarding the following :
Planning Application SMD/2021/0099 -

Wooden House on stilts at land cornering Rudyard Road and Gun Hill Road Meerbrook
Known as 11 Lane Ends SK11 0SR

We wish to oppose the granting of planning permission to the above application. Following are our objections and reasons for such.

1. The proposed structure would be alien in the proposed setting and out of context with the surrounding landscape character of traditional stone buildings, many of which have historic significance.
2. The prominent site is visible in many directions as it on the road up to Gun Hill and is at approx 750 ft above sea level. It is approached by roads on 5 sides becoming the junction.
3. Screening opportunities are limited because of its solitary placement on a promontory away from surrounding natural features i.e. hills and woods.
4. There are no utilities i.e. electricity, water and sewage to this parcel of land so to supply these surrounding land would have to be accessed and will damage the protected tree roots.
5. There are environmental issues to be addressed with any septic soak away or system due to the position of the site. This would have an impact on privately owned land and also on the watercourse which forms the top of the water catchment of the rivers Churnet and Trent.
6. A TPO (Tree Preservation Order) was imposed on this parcel of land 4 years ago. It seems that already two trees have been felled possibly with permission. The concern is that one by one the others will be felled for reasoning of health and safety due to the wind swept position of the site. The actual activities of any building work will impact on roots and future stability in the life of these protected trees.

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