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Wetley Rocks
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Application no: SMD/2021/0242

Determined on: 27/05/2021

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015**

REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION

Location of Development:

South Fields Farm Leek Road Wetley Rocks Staffordshire ST9 0AR

Description of Development:

Creation of vehicular access

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council in pursuance of powers under the above mentioned Act hereby **REFUSE** to permit the development described above in accordance with plans ref:

- 21-620-01,
- 21-620-02,
- 21-620-03,
- 21-620-04

for the reason(s) specified below:-

1. The application site is located in the North Staffordshire Green Belt. The proposed new vehicular access comprises inappropriate development in the Green Belt and 'Very Special Circumstances' have not been demonstrated that clearly outweigh the harm by inappropriateness and associated visual harm to the openness, character and appearance of the area. The proposal is therefore contrary to policies DC1, DC3 and SS10 of the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan (2020) and the NPPF (2019).
2. One of the required visibility splays extends over land that is not within the applicant's ownership. The applicant therefore is unable to construct the visibility splay nor can they prevent the visibility splay from being obstructed. The visibility splay is required to ensure that the development is acceptable from a highway safety perspective. Without the ability to construct the visibility splay as required, the proposed access would have a detrimental effect on highway safety and would be contrary to policies DC1 of T1 of

the Local Plan (2020) and the NPPF (2019).

3. The proposed access and driveway will be visually prominent and harmful to the rural character of the street scene. It will not protect or enhance the local landscape and it will result in a prominent intrusion into the countryside. The proposed development will therefore be contrary to policies DC1 and DC3 of the Local Plan (2020) and the NPPF (2019).

Informatives

Prior to the determination of the application the Council advised the applicant that the principle of such development is unsustainable and did not conform with the provisions of the NPPF (2019). It is considered that the applicant is unable to overcome such principle concerns and thus no amendments to the application were requested.

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Signed by: Jane Colley Signature

On behalf of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

NOTES

1. If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
1. If the decision to refuse planning permission is for a householder application, and you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 12 weeks of the date of this notice.
2. If this is a decision to refuse planning permission for a minor commercial application, and you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 12 weeks of the date of this notice.
3. If this is a decision to refuse express consent for the display of an advertisement, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 8 weeks of the date of receipt of this notice.
4. If you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision for any other type of development, including listed building consents then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice Appeals must be made using a form which you can get from the Secretary of State at Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN (Tel: 0303 444 5000) or online at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
5. The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal. The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.
6. If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted. In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council (District Council, London Borough Council or Common Council of the City of London) in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.