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ST13 6HQ

Planning Application number: SMD/2021/0540

Date 25/08/2021

Dear SMDC Planning Department,

I am writing to you in regards to the above Planning Application for The Dairy, Hollington Road (Dale Bank Road), Freehay, ST10 1RE and the access through an established gate opening to create a track drive to the property.

My property the Beeches is adjoining the land of The Dairy, I have lived at the Beeches for over 20 years and I have no objections with the Planning Application and the use of the track, which will be in keeping with the surrounding Countryside. I can also confirm this gate opening is that original to the fields and farm buildings which formally belonged to Hulme Farm, before the development of the barn conversion The Dairy.

Hulme Farms access which is original to this property, was never intended to accommodate two properties, the running of a small holding, modern day living and additional vehicles. There is very little...if any room for both properties to manoeuvre their vehicles at the entrance at the same time, plus the encounter of delivery vehicles and visitors to both properties, not forget farm machinery and the upkeep and movement of animals. Therefore this can cause issues and restrictions to other road users and is located at the point where the road speed limit increases from 40mph to 60 mph national speed limit.

This would not be the case if both properties had their own individual accesses, reducing the number of vehicles congregating in one area, minimising the hazard and obstructions to other road users, visitors, delivery persons, walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

To meet the current Highways safety requirements the application for The Dairy to have its own separate access would be more suitable for their vehicles and a requirement for the running and upkeep of their smallholding.

Yours Sincerely

Mr D Mills
Beeches, Dale Bank Road, Freehay, Staffs