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To:
Subject: Planning Application SMD/2021/0540 - Officer Alisa Berry

Ailsa Berry
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
Stockwell Street
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ST13 6HQ

Dear Ailsa,

SMD/2021/0540 - Formation of Vehicular Access at The Dairy, Hollington Road, Freehay

We write to express our SUPPORT for the above application.

We are the owners of the adjacent bungalow to the northeast of the site. We are aware that the original application for the conversion of the applicant's barn included a vehicular access that was shown to pass directly in front of our property, with a shared access onto the Hollington Road. The applicant is proposing an alternative means of access to his land so as to avoid crossing over our land. We wholeheartedly support this.

The approved access arrangements for the site give rise to a number of significant concerns, which are all avoided by the applicant's proposal. The approved access runs directly in front of our property and through the middle of our garden. We do not have a garden to the rear of our property, so our only amenity space is located to the front of the property and to its side. The prospect of vehicles passing back and forth through the middle of our garden is deeply concerning, and would be harmful to our residential amenity by virtue of noise and general disturbance from the comings and goings of vehicles, which could occur at any time of day or night.

We are also concerned about the impact of the approved access on our septic tank. The access crosses directly over the existing pipework that connects the house with our septic tank, and following recent excavations carried out at the request of the applicant we were concerned to note that the pipework lies very close to the surface. It would therefore be at risk of damage by vehicles passing over it. The applicant's deeds do not permit him to undertake any works on our land nor do we consent to it. The vehicular access to that site should be taken via the track proposed in this application - it represents the best solution for all parties.

We are also concerned about the impact of vehicles using the approved access on highway safety. Our car port and turning area is located directly adjacent to the access onto the Hollington Road, and we would be concerned about the potential impact to highway safety of vehicles arriving when we are trying to leave the site or vice versa. There is not enough room for two vehicles to pass one another whilst turning our cars, so the applicant's proposal for his own separate access is clearly better. We therefore offer our full support to the applicant's proposal.

I trust these comments will be taken into consideration when you determine the application.

Regards

Mr M Leedham & Miss N Saxon,
Hulme Farm,
Freehay,
Staffs