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Application Reference No. : SMD/2021/0491 Site Address: Land Off Tenford Lane TENFORD LANE TEAN
STAFFORDSHIRE ST10 4EN Comments by: Tracy Smith

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Submission: Objection

Comments: I object to this planning application on the following grounds

We are in an area of outstanding natural beauty (AONB) and our greenspace needs to be protected. I fail to see how this development is in-keeping with this. There are enough brownfield sites that could be used as "infil". Tean is a conservation area - it would be nice to keep it that way and have some consistency from SMDC.

At the moment Tenford Lane is the only safe way in and out of Clarendon Park. Tenford Lane narrows to a single lane track both at the top and the bottom. The lane cannot withstand the amount of traffic as it is. At the top of Tenford Lane (where Clarendon Park ends), there is a hump in the road which causes a blind spot. I have witnessed many near misses and there have been accidents. There are no pavements and no street lighting. As you come to the junction at the top of Tenford Lane, there is a further hazard as there is a hidden junction to the left (also known as Gorsty Hill Road; what3words:///available.innovator.dearest). The bottom of Tenford Lane narrows so that only one car can pass. I witness, on a daily basis, cars mounting the kerb to pass other cars & it is not safe.

Planning has already been granted on Robert Coates' transport yard for 6 houses, further outline planning for three houses further up Gorsty Hill and outline planning for 1 house at the bottom of Gorsty Hill. Along with this development, that is 50 potential homes in very close proximity; potentially creating 100 more vehicles on these two NARROW roads which cannot cope with the current traffic.

Gorsty Hill is so narrow at the bottom that once residents have parked, you CANNOT get a fire engine past. It is already dangerous, so much so that my modern car performed an emergency stop last week due to the sensors on it. How the car behind me managed to stop, I don't know. Gorsty Hill has only minimal street lighting and again, no pavements.

Cars moving from this site to reach the A50 will more than likely attempt this via Breach Lane, which is already a rat run. We all saw recently the chaos the ensued when the High Street was shut. The lane, once again, has no pavements and no street lighting.

The local Catholic school is already over-subscribed. They face traffic issues on a DAILY basis. Local councillors are very aware of this, as a school crossing patrol warden has been employed. The fact is, to get children to walk to school, parents and children have to feel safe. How will they feel safe when the nearest walk to school is unlit and has no pavements and there will be even more cars on the road? How will they feel safe with cars mounting kerbs? Whilst the main road going towards Tean is great, the other option (and probably the quickest route on foot & cut through Clarendon and onto Gorsty Hill) is probably dicing with death. For children walking to the local high schools in Cheadle, the pavements are not wide enough and, once again, it is unsafe.

How will the builders get the services to the estate? If they close Tenford Lane (like they tried with the Blythe Bridge development), this would force all cars along Gorsty Hill road and would cause chaos & I've already mentioned the fact that you can't get a fire engine up there. The building phase will mean lots of HGVs coming and going up Tenford Lane & I've already mentioned how it narrows at the bottom.

My question is, and this is directed towards both SMDC and our local councillors who have been elected to serve the people of this village, is the health and safety of existing residents a consideration at all when passing all these planning applications?

If this planning is agreed and there are no changes to the existing layout of Tenford Lane, then the answer to my question is a big fat NO.

Throughout the NPPF and Staffordshire Moorlands Adopted Local Plan, it talks about sustainable development and developments which enhance and improve the local area. Unless there is significant improvement to the current roads and pavements, to make them safe and inclusive, this site will not achieve those aims.

I object and hope that all involved will really start to consider the health and safety of EXISTING residents (the current rate payers and voters!)

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