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Comments: Subject: FW: Ref SMD/2021/0612 Smithy Farm Cottage, Blakeley Lane, Dilhorne, ST10 2PS retrospective planning application for hard standing area.

For the attention of Mr Ben Hurst case officer SMDC planning

As a visitor to Smithy Farm Cottage I would like to voice my FULL SUPPORT for the application.

Chloe and Mike are a young couple and they were naive in not looking into planning to create a hard standing area within land that they own, which is how it has resulted in retrospective planning permission, they have given their full support once they realised the mistake they had made.

They created hard standing for occasional standing of one car whilst they had visitors after many complaints from the neighbour at 2 East View, he feels that it blots the landscape view from his property should they have more than one visitor at a time or that it obstructs movement along the lane if they park on the right hand side. The hard standing also gives safer access to maintain a septic tank that is shared with a neighbouring property and when dealing with animals on the land.

The couple have tried to keep the material of the hard standing the same as the original lane to sustain the visual aspect it has been done in a neat countryside manner and they would also with your support be willing to plant a hedge for birds and wildlife. It is their belief that greenbelt land can be used for agriculture, so I would point out that any comments 2 East View have brought up about the sheep are irrelevant.

Enabling an occasional car to park on the hard standing would give safer access for their neighbours to turn when Smithy Farm Cottage has a visitor, as they have stated in their support letters, although I must also point out that that no accident that has happened on the A52 has been of fault of the property that is eighty to ninety foot away, so I feel it is also irrelevant that the pictures of the accidents being used in such a way are in very bad taste.

2 East View also complain that they have loss of privacy due to the hard standing, again this is due to the three dwellings beyond his house now lived in after they have been vacant for many years nothing to do with the hard

standing. It is actually 2 East View that is creating a lack of privacy photographing other people's property and belongings and misfortunate accidents on the lane and road and posting online.

I would also point out that nesting owls and bats don't use low level thin Hawthorn hedges and car noise from the hard standing area once on occasion the couple may have a visitor or maintenance is irrelevant when 2 East View is actually closer to the A52.

I would ask that you note that all other neighbours have given support to the application, they are a young farming couple that have only tried to improve a problem, sadly it would seem that 2 East View has maybe influenced the decision of three local councillors maybe due to his regular complaints over anything neighbours attempt to change.

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