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Submission: Objection
Comments: Dear Sirs,

I'm writing to object to the above planning application which has been brought to my attention. My objection is on the grounds of economic, environmental and location damage.

The application lacks any detail, but I understand that the proposal is to switch the premises to commercial use for the processing of dead farm animals.

Economic objection – the application directly contradicts the core of the local economy, which is based on agriculture and tourism

- Several holiday lets, a B&B and holiday caravan club site are all within close proximity and would all be significantly compromised by the smell (of dead animals and their processing) and by increased heavy vehicle traffic. There are multiple additional holiday lets within the wider distance that odour is likely to travel.
- The application location is surrounded by fields used for grazing livestock. Although many animals can tolerate a single source of stress for a short period of time, exposure to the smell of dead farm animals in close proximity for a prolonged period will create stress and may lead to distress, suffering and poorer livestock condition.

Environmental objection – the application location is in an area of SSI and on the boundary line of the Peak District National Park

- There is significant concern over the environmental impact on an area of upland moorland. To quote DEFRA, these areas:

are nationally and internationally important for biodiversity, and have significant agricultural, landscape, archaeological, recreational, cultural and natural resource value. Agricultural activity shapes these valuable upland landscapes, and provides many of the tools to manage them. Without some form of management they would lose their environmental and landscape value.

- Note the emphasis on 'agricultural' and not 'commercial' activity.
- There are particular concerns over both airborne pollution and effluent waste, along with an increase in heavy vehicle traffic in this area of SSI. Several fields in close proximity are in the highest tier of environmental stewardship, supporting enclaves for declining at risk moorland birds and flora.
- The location of the application is on a ridge at approx 1100 feet with spectacular views over miles of Staffordshire countryside. The height and position will exacerbate dissipation of odours over a wide area. Any change to physical structure of buildings will be visible from some distance.

In summary, there appear to be multiple significant negatives against this application.

Of course, all applications are a balance of pros and cons. However, I'm struggling to identify any reasons in favour of application approval. There are already alternative options with sufficient capacity for dead farm animal processing within a few miles of this proposed location.

I request further information on the Application if it progresses further.

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