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Application Reference No. : SMD/2021/0638 Site Address: Phoenix Stables Bottom Lane Bottom House Leek
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Submission: Objection

Comments: Please accept my wish to register my objection to this application.

The application in question 'Phoenix Stables' and the original planning was for '10 Private Horses'. As the nearest occupied property to this site we and the wider community have watched in disbelief as to its now over developed size with a livery yard, heavy lorries, cars accessing the site on a regular basis. We note no approval was given for a commercial property to emerge. We do note that the under application 'SMD/2012/0302 condition 9 ... 'for parking and turning' and SMD/2012/0648 condition 7; restrictions were made that 'no external artificial lighting shall be incorporated ..." in order to 'Protect the amenity of the local residents and the wider visual amenities in the area through excess illuminance'. As the site is in full view from my property the conditions imposed were to protect us and others from this disgraceful blot on the landscape.

The 6 flood lights in the application are in fact 12 lights mounted on 6 posts. The floodlights are in keeping with a football stadium and can be seen across the Moorlands for many miles including from the B5053 road to Ipstones, the A523 main road and Ipstones Edge. This site is in a greenbelt and an Environmental Sensitive Area (ESA). Curlews nest and breed in adjacent fields and in our fields also. No information has been put forward as to the impact these floodlights and the site will have on local habitat and wildlife on and around the site. The site now adversely impacts the area and significantly demonstrates and outweighs any benefits when assessed with the NPPF. In particular to NPPF 15: c, Conserving and enhancing the natural environment. 185:a, ... adverse impacts on health and the quality of life. b, identify and protect tranquil areas.... c, limit the impact of light pollution from artificial light on local amenity, intrinsically dark landscapes and nature conservation.' The floodlights can only further damage the local businesses, amenities and the visual moorland landscape by extending the hours to this over developed intrusive site.

The proprietors have shown little regard for the adjacent property owners, wider community, the special sensitive green area and the wider community as seen in their previous retrospective planning application.

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