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Application Reference No. : SMD/2021/0638 Site Address: Phoenix Stables Bottom Lane Bottom House Leek
Staffordshire ST13 7QJ Leek Comments by: Marianne Cooper

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Submission: Objection
Comments: I wish to register an objection to this proposal.

The floodlights in question at "Phoenix Stables" are at best seen as intrusive and offensive. The use of retrospective planning shows the disregard for the planning process and seeks to supersede this by installing the floodlights in advance. The proprietor/s were aware of the initial restrictions on the site for intensive lighting and parking but have chosen to ignore these.

We have had negative feedback from our regular holiday guests on the appearance of the site that it is "something not expected to be seen in a rural countryside farming area."

The National Planning Policy Framework, NPPF, states very clearly that the natural environments should be protected. NPPF, in particular to point 15: c, Conserving and enhancing the natural environment. Also NPPF point 185: 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 lighting is excessive and in full view from Ipstones Edge and Morridge and my property. The site and adjacent properties are in a naturally intrinsically dark area and therefore support wildlife habitats.

There are many private and commercial livery yards in the area such as Beaver Hall, Somerford Park, Cheadle Equestrian Centre, Moorlands Equestrian Centre etc., including our own private ménage. None of which use lighting on an open ménage or were refused planning application in line with the guidelines in the NPPF. We chose not to install lighting as (a), it is not in keeping within this special sensitive area and (b), not to offend or intrude on the pleasure of the local residents and community of their homes. We have cared for horses for many years, including

horses with colic and have never needed the use of floodlights. A quiet walk in and around the stable area is sufficient exercise for this condition; according to our local veterinary practitioner. All stables have a suitable outside light which is appropriate for such light exercise.

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