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Comments: I object to this application because there are too many uncertainties with regard to environmental and human safety.

THE OUTFALL METHOD STATEMENT. ABBEYDALE BUILDING ENVIRONMENT CONSULTANTS

* Is this assessment/statement independent?

* It is stated, 'Minimise environmental effects.' So it is acknowledged that there are environmental effects and since the objective is to minimise them they cannot be positive effects.

* It is stated, 'Minimise the excavation within the SSSI.' Is it good practice to interfere with the SSSI? I think not. Are the Environment Agency, Natural England and Staffordshire Wildlife Trust in consultation on this?

* It is stated, 'Any changes to current conditions shall be agreed in writing prior to the start of the works.' Who will approve these changes? Will they go back to SMDC Planning? The admission of the prospect of changes after months of negotiations and thousands of written words demonstrate the uncertainty of this whole business. It cannot be safe and should be rejected.

* Page 4, point 9 refers to spill kits, plant nappies and pollution prevention measures. This is an acknowledgment of a pollution risk.

NB The successful reintroduction of salmon to the River Churnet which is close and downhill from the site!

* Point 18 refers to, 'the potential of silt migration.' Will this require regular maintenance? Not an inexpensive prospect!

* Point 20. 'If lake levels were to rise to within 0.5 metre of the top of the temporary bund the Abbeydale BEC Engineer may require that works are suspended and made ready for the possibility of overtopping occurring. Overtopping is the technical term for flooding in this case! Does this become a major H & S issue during construction? Does this constitute an even greater H & S emergency when the site is under full scale occupation of several hundred residents? How can this be satisfactorily risk assessed? It can't! It is a disaster in the making.

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