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Application Reference No. : SMD/2021/0829 Site Address: Land At Blythe Park Sandon Road Cresswell
Staffordshire Comments by: Brent Horleston

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Submission: Objection
Comments: To whomever it may concern.

I have family members that live in 3 different properties in Cresswell. All of them are concerned that the infrastructure of the hamlet is not designed to handle increased traffic from 100+ extra houses and the extension to the industrial estate.

I grew up in Cresswell and I have particular concerns over the stretch of road between the railway crossing and the local cricket club on Sandon Rd. There is no pavement, the road is narrow. In my younger years I was nearly hit by a heavy goods vehicle whilst walking home from school on that stretch of road. More traffic, especially heavy goods vehicles, will increase the danger to pedestrians. I would like to remind the planning office that the development and resulting increase in traffic will make matters worse and the variation only serves to remove the safety considerations that were put forward previously when the planning was approved. I'm sure the planning office will be aware that there have been fatalities on this road, including a young child that was hit by a car.

As a resident of Blythe Bridge but having to travel on Uttoxeter Rd and Sandon Rd, I am aware that traffic already builds up at the junction with Uttoxeter Rd. This shows that the infrastructure already struggles to cope with traffic without the development. I fail to understand how the variation can be approved based on that alone.

I am at a loss for words after being made aware recently that there has been a police investigation into corruption based on this original planning application. There is evidence that heavily suggests that the planning committee were instructed to pass this original planning application despite the chief planning officer recommending against the application being granted. I am aware that a member of the same planning committee said that he had been instructed to approve this by the council leader.

I am deeply shocked and concerned on learning about the above in relation to this original planning application. I was also made aware that residents were not originally given letters regarding this variation so they were not aware and due to this, an extension has been made to the consultation. It is concerning that the variation removes parts of the development that which were promised to help remedy the apparent issues the development will cause the infrastructure and this paints the local authority in a very poor light. I would think that given the current scandals surrounding the Conservative leadership of the pandemic. It is important for the local Conservative led Council to prove that they act on behalf of the residents who voted them in. This

planning variation shows that the local authority are not acting on the best interests of the residents.

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