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Application Reference No. : DOC/2022/0023 Site Address: Rosehill Nabb Lane Alton Staffordshire ST10 4AY Stoke-On-Trent Comments by: Diana Gardner

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Submission: Objection

Comments: I am contacting you regarding DOC/2022/0023 to highlight my concerns, in order to protect wildlife in this area and protect our residential amenity.

Lighting

A major concern is that a motion sensor with a timer has not been specified. I think that it is absolutely crucial to have a motion sensor and timer so that the impact of the lights is kept to an absolute minimum, as they will only be switched on when the paths are actually in use.

If they are switch operated, as has been specified, they could be on all night, which is completely unnecessary, harmful and wasteful.

The plan of the site shows lights for a path that runs along the hedge line between Rosehill and the neighboring property. They are described as being 5 feet (152 cm) from the ground. I think that this is unnecessarily high, will cause light pollution, and be a huge disturbance to wildlife. In order to light the path, surely they only need to be a maximum of 80 cm from the ground.

The specification of the downlights does not show how much light is emitted so it is not possible to judge what the area of illumination will be. There is no detail regarding the type of light bulb that will be used, apart from the type of fitting - ES. It does not stipulate a type of bulb. I believe this should have low UV values to minimise the disturbance to wildlife.

I am also concerned that the lights will harm our residential amenity.

Lines of trees and hedgerows are particularly important for bats. Some bat species are very sensitive to light, and installing inappropriate lighting can destroy feeding areas and prevent bats from moving through the

landscape. The installation of lighting near a roost can constitute a criminal offense by disturbing the bats using it or obstructing access to it. Therefore, wherever lighting is being introduced to an unlit area, bats are a consideration.

I have done some research and found that bollards are often used in these situations. The bollards spill light down across a path in a way that is sufficient for users to see the path, and the lower level of lighting reduces light pollution and is less likely to affect bats and other wildlife.

To make lighting more bat (and wildlife) friendly, I believe the following should be taken into consideration;

- Adjusting the height of the lighting column to reduce light spillage;

- Using motion sensors

- Reducing the frequency and brightness of lights;

- Using sodium lights, or lights with low UV values;

- Using glass covers for lights

- Using flat lantern covers rather than dished ones;

- Using light spill accessories such as hoods and shields;

Brash Pile

I would also like to draw your attention to the large pile of wood and brash from tree felling and/or hedge trimming, which has been in the field of Rosehill for about 7 months (please see photo attached to an email sent on 8-4-22). This pile was created when part of the site for the new lodges was cleared for development. Previously, the occupants have had bonfires to get rid of this type of waste. I am extremely concerned that, by now, it will be a habitat for wildlife such as hedgehogs, birds, and insects. If it needs to be removed it should be done in a way that is not harmful to wildlife. This was also imposed as a condition of the planning application approval by the Environmental Health Department:

8. Waste Management

Any waste material associated with the development shall not be burnt on site but shall be kept securely for removal to prevent escape into the environment. Reason: To protect the amenities of the area.

Yours sincerely,

Diana Gardner

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