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Enquiry details

With reference to the application for change of use from agricultural to equine (private), I have the following comments.

1. The applicant has had previous proposals for housing turned down, even under appeal. This application, which apparently includes the erection of stables and a tack room on concrete bases, seems to me (and other local residents), to be a ruse to secure planning for residential use in the future.
2. The proposal is on land designated as green belt and, as such, is unavailable for such developments except in exceptional circumstances. Since there are already a number of equine establishments in the area, the exceptional circumstances rule does not apply.
3. The land is part of a wildlife corridor for birds and mammals.
3. There are concerns about pollution of the Biddulph Brook and an increase of flies and smells associated with accumulating horse manure.
4. Any such development would be detrimental to the amenity value of the land.
5. Marsh Green Road is very narrow and is already very busy. The extra traffic generated would increase the wear and tear on an already very poorly maintained surface and verge. It would also increase the danger to pedestrians, there being no footpath available to them.

Bearing in mind the above comments, I wish to record my objections to this proposal.

Yours faithfully,
Graeme Court