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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Ref. Planning Application SMD/2022/0229**

I am contacting you concerning the application relating to LAND NORTH of Marsh Green Road, Biddulph, requesting reclassification from agricultural to equine land. This notice was posted on a fence post, not clearly visible from Marsh Green Road and as far as I am aware, the only notice posted.

My concern is that if the land is classified as equine, then, after three years, planning application for change of use for housing / dwelling houses can be made, if any building such as barns, riding arenas, hay and feed storage etc are erected. That is to say, any construction with a concrete foundation would after three years, allow for housing / dwellings to be built on the land.

Following previous consideration the LAND NORTH of Marsh Green Road has already been removed from the list of areas suitable for buildings / dwellings. There are already quite serious traffic issues relating to Marsh Green Road and the Highways Department has already previously ruled that building on LAND NORTH of Marsh Green Road would create a severe increase in traffic and that the road infrastructure is unsuitable. It would be dangerous to pedestrians and motorists the change and there would be further hindrance to traffic flow from tractors and farm vehicles.

This is open countryside, green belt land. Building stables and structures relating to equine use affect the living conditions of the local residents, ecology and landscape strongly object to the reclassification of the land from agriculture to equine. I do not consider the change necessary or appropriate.

Yours faithfully,

John Whatley.

