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With reference to the proposed development letter from SMDC, I wish to make you aware of my strong objection to the formation of vehicle access to Land South West of Willfield Lane. As an immediate neighbour to the site I am of the opinion that the development will have a serious impact on the area, for residents, wildlife and road safety.

The design and visual impact of the proposed plan is not in keeping with the area, there is currently an historic dry stone wall which is to be replaced with gabion baskets, the whole wall is not being replaced and this runs all the way down the lane, therefore one section of gabion baskets would not be aesthetically pleasing at all and would not be in keeping with the rural area.

The landscape of this area would suffer and the proposed plan would have a negative impact on the residents, as countryside is being replaced with car park spaces. Due to the height it would also be overlooking properties causing a loss of privacy.

Wildlife will also suffer due to the dry stone wall being a nesting site for birds, and also a habitat for shrews, mice and voles this will cause a strong loss of diversity.

Removal of the hedgerow and vegetation will also be a detriment to wildlife, as this is a food source and habitat.

Due to the area being a green belt location I feel that protection of wildlife is even more crucial.

Contrary to the planning application, as a resident I can confirm that the lane has a very heavy traffic flow, which is at very high speeds. This is a narrow, one way, national speed limit lane and is dangerous even when being used properly, the fact that applicants cars will be reversing from the parking spaces concerns me as I feel safety will be compromised for drivers of the lane, there would also be a blind spot causing danger to pedestrians as there is no pavement.

Due to the layout of the lane, building supply deliveries will have no where to pull over or to allow cars to pass causing blockages in the lane, due to how busy the lane is the traffic will come to a stand still. It will not be suitable for excavation work to take place, due to the size of the lane and location of the development. Also there is no where for building materials to be delivered or stored apart from on top of vital habitats.

The traffic, noise and excavation will cause detriment to the enjoyment of residents homes in a peaceful area and disruption to wildlife.

The purpose of the area is confirmed to be for the keeping of goats and horticultural, however this is also a concern as there is already a known rat problem in the area, which feed and water will contribute to. The council is already aware of the rat issue, and pest control have been out multiple times.

The smell of keeping animals so close to nearby homes will also cause detriment to residents enjoying their homes and gardens.

As the applicants don't live on the land near to where the goats will be kept leaves me to believe that the goats will be left unattended, there is no dwelling for them in bad weather conditions, or to store feed. There is also no water supply on the land for them. Therefore I do not understand as to why the residents of the lane should suffer the disruption, lane users experience delays and inconvenience, the harmful excavation of green belt land, damage to the rural area and the harming wildlife is being planned for the keeping of goats.

Kind Regards

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