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Uttoxeter Road

Dear Planning,

I would like to register my severe objection to this proposal.

Having lived in the neighboring village of Draycott for 38 years I can honestly say I have never seen such disrespect by a council towards their paying public and members of such small yet important communities.

Not only has planning been put in place for a large volume of houses, nearly doubling the population of such a small hamlet, there is now, what I can only describe as horrendous, an application for a Helicopter manufacturing plant.

Working in electronic manufacturing I have a great understanding of the process undertaken in a manufacturing plant. From R&D to workforce to logistics.

I would like to object on the following grounds:

1. There is no mention of the CAA throughout the whole application. With this there is a duty on the business to make sure they follow the procedures that fall under the Rules of Air regulations 2015. There are various points within the regulations that highlight the operation of aircraft with people, property etc within 1000ft. With the development of the housing estate, the expansion of the business park and the existing building and members of public in the vicinity I would presume the CAA would be one of the first consultations to be advised of the plans.
2. Housing development ¿ with the housing development earmarked for the ground surrounding the business park this is going to devalue the property, create a ¿housing estate¿ that people will not want to live on and leave property surplus to requirement.
3. Noise issues ¿ Manufacturing plants introduce several noise issues without adding the fact this is for Helicopter production. Additional delivery vehicles visiting the plant, additional vehicles leaving the plant, workforce vehicle moment twice a day. Additionally, to this standard level of noise that is introduced we have the potential for 1000 products to be manufactured, tested and operator training. This will bring in the potential for 5-7 flights per hour per day 365 days a year. Obviously, this will be heightened at certain periods due to holiday closure. This is enough to push people into health issues and has a huge detrimental effect on those people that have lived in peace and quiet for several years. The impact this can have on peoples livelihoods, mental health and general wellbeing should be enough to refuse this application.
4. Infrastructure ¿ there are already alarming issues to contend with regarding local infrastructure, or lack of. The road infrastructure does cope with the existing traffic without adding the potential of 1000 journeys from Hill Helicopters staff. Horrendous pinch points on Sandon road have already been concern for members of the public for a number of years and as usual the council have done nothing about it. There are no plans to make the infrastructure better for the development of this project.
5. Workforce ¿ the workforce needed for such a complex product is not something that is going to come from the immediate vicinity and it will mean that lucrative jobs and skills will not be developed from within the local community. With this it also bring in the question as to why a company that has routes in Rugeley wants to come across all this way.
6. Hours of operation ¿ to say that there is potential for the operational hours to be between 5am and 11pm are beyond belief. I cannot go in my garden and create a noise that would be of nuisance to my neighbours before 7am, so how can a manufacturing plant operate outside of these hours? Limitations should be set (IF this was ever to be passed) that flights should only be operated in school hours. 9am to 3.30pm. People in the local communities have young children, myself included, who live in this area of outstanding beauty to enjoy exactly that. Why do we want Helicopters operating, disturbing the peace and taking enjoyment out of the properties and gardens we love to live in, personally I think this is a total infringement on my rights as a human being to enjoy the space I have paid for.
7. Building ¿ I really feel like I do not need to make any further comment than ¿the colour¿! RAL9500 black. How is it possible to even consider constructing a building in the middle of the green belt in black. I feel I do not need to comment anymore on that.

8. Livestock and surrounding natural habitats & the area that the helicopters will be operating in is farmland and recreational ground based off the back of the farmland. Cattle, horses, sheep to name a few will all be effected by the operations going on around them. We all know the power of a horse that is frightened. This can also cause considerable harm to the handler of the livestock. With the potential to cause significant injury and potential life changing injury. We also have a fantastic natural habitat for wildlife in the area. A river that flows through the village and numerous birds of prey that are regularly seen and enjoy by the villagers and their families.

All in all I hope that you can see I have a very strong objection to the proposal in place.

I would also like to make comments to say that the idea of this kind of manufacturing plant in Staffordshire is a fantastic project that would work in other areas and will bring some prosperity to those areas, just not this one.

Regards

Lee Waburton

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