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Comments: Objections to the extension of Blythe Par by the addition of Hills Helicopters Manufacturing Structure. Planning Reference SMD/2022/0275

Firstly and most importantly the building of an aviation manufacturing structure for Hills Helicopters should in no way be dealt with as a reserved matters procedure.

Whilst it is accepted that the Blythe Park has existing planning consents (albeit that they are somewhat old in their nature) those consents are for industrial warehousing and manufacture and the extending of and erection of a Helicopter Manufacturing Development as a large scale commercial aviation facility far exceeds the parameters of and the spirit of reserved matters applications.

In addition the existing planning consents for Blythe Park only covers approx 50% of the land that would be needed by Hills Helicopters and therefore further full planning permission applications would be required to build the development to all that is envisaged and it is fairly clear that intentions would be there to try and establish ¿existing use ¿ protocols after build of a first phase ¿ which by anyone¿s standards could be an attempt to circumvent the requirements of a full planning application with consultation.

Whilst the argument that such a construction and establishment of a premium development might bring jobs to the area as well as raising aspirations of generations to come sadly it doesn¿t outweigh the negative impacts on the surrounding neighbourhood.

First and foremost there are the neighbouring properties to be considered ¿ whilst some may have the view that they are relatively small in number (although please note there is currently a development planned on a nearby area) they would be hugely impacted by such a development, indeed 2 particular properties even fall within the minimum required 500 metres distance required between this kind of commercial property and residential properties.

There is the surrounding agricultural and farming land which would be adversely affected not least by noise from significant number of helicopters taking off and landing and flying over head. The threat to farm animals and the distress that they may suffer would I am sure not only be of concern to the owners but also arguably put off future use of the land for that primary purpose.

There is the general noise pollution (noise increase) to be considered in the main Commercial park area plus a significant number of rural areas, villages and parishes surrounding as the proposed helicopters take test flights etc.

The establishment of an aviation facility surely must carry more than the usual consideration for planning review and consent.

The development site alone is proposing an initial increase of some 250 vehicles per day (with more potential in

the future) and the surrounding roads infrastructure does not appear to be able to withstand such increases.

The general condition of the highway is poorly maintained and full of the usual potholes and poor surfacing generally.

There is a significant pinch point just past the former Izaak Walton pub (now a private residence) which would and does cause difficulties for large HGV vehicles getting past (there is only enough room really for 2 cars or 1 car and 1 HGV slowly passing through ĳ (in addition any cyclists travelling that area are at risk as the new highway code requires significant space between the cyclists and vehicle).

There are no local facilities available without a car journey (i.e. nothing within walking distance) so staff would have to be fully contained on site or again there will be increase in vehicle traffic through the day for accessing local services Blythe Bridge, Tean or Cheadle being the nearest facilities.

There is very little in the way of safe walking along the entire Sandon / Creswell Road. So all journeys in and out of the site would have to be by vehicle.

The design of the building as a black structure with luminous green accents is in no way in keeping with the structures already there or anything else in the surrounding area.

There is an increased risk to the surrounding area by the very nature of ĳtestĳ flights - . Whilst we understand from a presentation at the local parish meeting by Mr Hill that helicopters are allowed by aviation rules to fly over residential areas there is the risk also to passing traffic from the A50 being distracted by aircraft flying overhead.

Presumably there is a supply and storage of aviation fuel required for the proposed development which would bring another potential risk to be managed very closely, which I am sure Hills Helicopters would say is second nature for them however without doubt this is a new and potentially damaging risk to be managed for the locality not least of whom is the local already stretched Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service.

This aviation fuel presumably also carries some degree of air quality pollution which needs careful understanding and consideration.

We would respectfully ask that the planning Committee of SMDC reject the current proposed Reserved Matters application by Hills Helicopters and request that such a development (if it is to be applied for in the future) is subject to full planning application process with a full public consultation and information sharing regarding development, construction, operation and risk.

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