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Submission: Objection

Comments: Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to you with extreme concern regarding the proposed planning application for 3 houses to be erected at the end of the lane which is privately owned by Heath House. I live in a bungalow along this private lane. I understand that the proposed site is to be allowed to erect 3 houses on land at the end of our lane. In order to reach this land, one has to drive up an extremely narrow, twisty and private lane which has been recently resurfaced, which has been funded by the owners of properties along this little lane. As a disabled person living in a bungalow along this lane (the lane has no name), I am deeply and extremely concerned regarding the safety of myself and my fellow Neighbours. I am not sure if any of you in the planning office has ever attempted to walk the lane, but if you have, or intend to, please read on further, as you will see that it is totally unsuitable in its present state to accommodate any further increase in any sort of traffic movement or any movement at all, it is a very narrow lane with very high sides in places, has rock sides sticking out of it, has a drop in places to the adjacent field and as a result of all this, you are definitely not aware of any oncoming traffic up the lane or down the lane. As the lane twists and turns, it is impossible to evaluate what you will meet on your journey into or out of the lane, be it on foot or in a vehicle such as a car, push bike, motor bike, small van, mobility scooter or any other mode of transportation. As a householder in the lane, I walk the lane often as I can but have to use a stick or two, depending on my needs and the possibility of a scooter being purchased in the near future is being looked into. As a footnote to this, if I did ever need emergency care, an ambulance would need to be called and again, this would prove challenging to them to access my property but they would be able to do this providing nothing is blocking the way. THERE IS NO PATHWAY ON EITHER SIDE OF THE PRIVATE LANE AT ANY POINT AND NO WHERE TO STEP OFF THE ROAD TO ALLOW PASSING TRAFFIC, ONE HAS TO RETRACE THEIR STEPS BACK UP THE LANE IN ORDER TO SHELTER IN A DRIVEWAY SO TRAFFIC CAN PASS. The sides of the lane are lined with rock and high sides. Once at the end of the private lane, one then has to negotiate a busy road which is quite narrow and which has a blind right hand corner to see round in order to get onto this council owned road. This is no easy task at all, especially when one is disabled and slow and is extremely dangerous at the best of times. Then you have to walk down the road which is another story. The lane is just about suitable in its present state to be accessible but will definitely not be able to cope with any more additional burdens. I note that your department are under the impression that at some point in the past, the land in question was used for commercial purposes. THIS HAS NEVER BEEN THE CASE. It has never ever been used for commercial purposes at all and I am sure that you will review this and see that no commercial rates were ever paid. There are no services at all at the said ground and again if it ever was used commercially, these would have been installed surely. The lane has never been used for commercial purposes at all which is obvious to anybody as nothing

on a larger scale than stated above would be able to access the lane!!! As for getting out of the Page 3 of 4 private lane onto the highway, which I have already stated above, anybody looking at it would see immediately that it is very dangerous to get out of, with a lack of turning room to go right in a vehicle is such an issue, pushbikes (which frequent the highway very often) would not be seen coming down the hill highway (does it take an accident to happen before anybody will realise this) and for foot pedestrians, disabled folk such as myself, it would be a total nightmare and very scary to use. The above would make me a prisoner in my own home due to the dangers listed above. I am also shocked to discover that my land on the front of the house has been listed as a passing point! THIS LAND IS PRIVATE AND BELONGS TO ME, IT IS NOT A PUBLIC PASSING POINT! As a result of this, I will be using my land in future to its fullest, with either plant pots being sited there or a vehicle of some sort being permanently positioned here to make sure it is not used as a passing point. The land has been marked out as private property but this seems to have been totally ignored by planning. THIS IS DISGUSTING AS SHOULD THE NEED ARISE FOR MY MEDICAL CARE, THIS WOULD BE NEEDED FOR EMERGENCY CARE! The application form has somehow been allowed to progress through stupidity it appears. I, nor any of my fellow Neighbours have not been consulted about the erection of the said houses and the inconvenience, lack of safety controls, accessibility and added traffic weight on the local highway road/junction, let alone our little roadway, it will cause. No contact or discussion has ever taken place with the owner of the said proposed site and no concern has ever been showed towards the needs of Neighbours and disabilities. I would like to think that the "caring" local authorities/planning department would like to reconsider their decisions in light of the above. It is very difficult to understand the logic behind the decisions being made in regard to the above and one can only draw the conclusion that no-one has seriously thought this application through satisfactorily. I welcome anybody from the planning department to come to my house and walk with me to the shops in Tean and back. I welcome anybody to come and have a cup of tea with me and see for themselves exactly what my letter is about. I welcome anyone to question my statement to me in person here in my house in order to support my statement. If my letter is not attended to, or ignored, or things progress without any further consultations or opportunities to thoroughly investigate the situation of this planning application, which I believe has been given planning permission somehow, then I would have no other choice but to go to the press regarding your actions. I am sure it would generate a huge amount of interest and support in how Staffordshire Moorlands District Council can approve such an undertaking of planning without consideration of dangerous road junctions, unsuitable road accesses, decision making based on false claims of past businesses that never existed with no formal investigations of those claims, ignoring the safety rights of pedestrians, cyclists, light vehicle users and disabled persons rights and accesses, the right to use private landowners land without consultation or notification and the lack of use of common sense!!!!

Yours sincerely

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