I am writing to object to the planning application for a temporary dwelling at Far Lake Farm, Foxt ST10 2HT

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There has been a temporary dwelling on the site for 3 years. As I understand this should have been removed on November 8th 2022. Is there a reason that it was not removed on the date specified?

Planning permission for the temporary dwelling and the agricultural buildings was acquired whilst I was living away from my family home for a short period of time. When I moved back into my home I was shocked at the amount of development that had appeared on what was open country. Instead of open fields i now look at several sheds a mobile building and multiple cars and machinery. The site has had a significant affect on the landscape of this idyllic rural setting.

The expansion of livestock to justify the dwelling on site will cause issues concerning agricultural run off and pollution which could affect the stream adjacent to the site and the River Churnet. The road often floods at this site running across the fields .There will be environmental impact on wildlife. It seems that the stocking rate is high ,is there proof of this stocking rate?, will the shed space support the numbers and will the ground outside support the stocking density? What facilities are there for the storage for muck?. There will be poaching of the ground and loss of flora. The stocking rates could be unsustainable. If the rented land is conservation grazing then the stocking rate will be reduced. It is not clear from the applications if suckler cows or lambs are on site . Therefore is there a need for a dwelling on site? Rented land is used as justification for a dwelling. The rented land is on an annual grazing licence which is not guaranteed. It is not clear if the rented land is adjacent to the site and if there is need to be within site and sound of stock at this dwelling . There are properties for sale within 3 miles of the site including one less than a third of a mile away where they could live without the need for a dwelling to be here. It seems that a farming enterprise is being created as justification for living at this site.

The effect on the environment is a concern. Light pollution means that bats and owls nesting in the trees on the site boundary are affected I have not seen any bats or owls since the light pollution began. The flora from the site and along the road verges is disappearing.

Before further planning permission for the temporary dwelling is considered the environmental health and nuisance should be taken into account . As well as the visual impact from my property I am greatly affected by the noise from the site. Noise carries across to my property to such a degree that I can hear every word said including a degree of shouting . There are multiple people on the site every day and during evenings. An amount of the noise is non agricultural noise including angle grinders, panel beaters, chain saws vehicle engines, car repairs ,horse activity and parties. Multiple vehicles and caravans are kept at the site and come and go frequently at all hours. The flood lights at the site have an affect on the wildlife and on my property with lights shining through my windows at night. In addition to the on site noise the village incurs noise from strimmers and mowers which are used to cut the road verges along the into the village. These activities done by the occupants are both unnecessary and environmentally damaging. The addition of a dwelling at this site has a significant affect on all factors.

If the site and amount of stock is to expand to justify planning permission then the amount of agricultural noise would increase also. Already stressed cows frequently bawl day and night. As the

stock are kept in metal sheds the noise of bawling cattle and clanging metal buckets echoes preventing me from sleeping at night and concentrating on my working from home.

I know that I am not alone in my concerns about the site but other residents are afraid to speak out. Local residents comment on the scale of what is happening at the site and how it has been allowed to happen. Concern Is that this application an example of how it is possible to gain planning permission to live anywhere one likes in the Staffordshire Moorlands?

Yours

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