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Application Reference No. : SMD/2022/0577 Site Address: Land At Blythe Park Sandon Road Cresswell Staffordshire
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Submission: Objection

Comments: I strongly object for the following reasons:

- How can this application be considered separately to SMD/2002/0275, a major planning application also submitted by Hill's Helicopters? SMD/2022/0275 has received many objections from local residents (myself included), Parish Councils and MP and is still awaiting a decision by SMD.

(SMD/2022/0275, a reserved matters application, pursuant to outline planning permission SMD/2018/0789 (as amended) providing details of scale, layout, appearance and landscaping for the erection of a manufacturing building, together with outdoor storage areas, service yards, parking, landscaping, attenuation ponds and associated infrastructure)

- The noise assessment report refers to helicopter 'hovering' noise, but does not include the noise generated by flying helicopters; deeming the impact of this noise 'to be negligible'!

- As a local rural resident living just over one mile away from proposed site, I have witnessed occasional fly overs by the air ambulance, RAF and private business helicopters, presumably at a much higher altitude, and these can be heard long before they are overhead and vibrate very loudly when directly overhead. If SMD/2022/0275 and SMD/2022/0577 get approval, the reality is we will have significant noise and vibration in the vicinity and overhead up to 115 times each working during daytime from 7.00 am to 7.00pm (with manufacturing production at 1,000 units per year). How is this noise not negligible? I don't believe it is. I believe the reality will be unwelcome noise and vibration from helicopters affecting our health and wellbeing in our rural, residential, agricultural and small business area.

Please note in SMD/2022/0275, Hills Helicopters propose a capacity of 250 units per year ultimately rising to 1000 units per year, each requiring 30 take offs / landings for testing and type rating. Hill's omit to include customer

servicing or customer demonstration/trial helicopter flights in their numbers, but these will obviously be additional take offs and landings.

- The unnecessary loss of local green, arable fields. There are disused airfields that could be considered for such a major aircraft development, eg Doncaster, and surely are deemed to be better as a site for manufacturing helicopters.

- The noise and air pollution impact on surrounding grazing farm animals, the established wildlife, eg skylarks, bats, great crested newts, and wildlife ecosystems/habitats.

- According to Cranfield university, helicopters are categorised as a main source of local air pollution around airports and urban areas. What impact will this number of take offs and landings have on the air quality in the surrounding areas? This question has still not been addressed.

- Light pollution by artificial light affecting residences and wildlife, in particular the bats.

- The noise and air/environmental pollution generated by the number of HGVs that will be required by this development. (The noise assessment report has modelled nine HGV movements per hour during the day and two movements during the night.)

- The increased traffic on Creswell Lane created by HGVs and cars entering and leaving the Blythe Park site. Creswell Lane is a country road which has blind and narrow spots and at peak times is congested already at the Draycott Road junction. There will be increased safety issues and further congestion as a result of this development.

In summary, this planning application, along with SMD/2022/0275, is totally inappropriate for the Hamlet of Creswell.

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