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Application Reference No. : SMD/2023/0065 Site Address: Kerry Hill Farm Eaves Lane Armshead
Staffordshire ST2 8NA Stoke-On-Trent Comments by: Laura Robinson
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Submission: Neither

Comments: I wish to reply to the concerns raised by the owners of Greenfields farm.

As stated Wetley Moor common does provide an area to exercise dogs, however it does not provide an area where dogs can safely be exercised without the fear of loose dogs encroaching on their walk, not all people are comfortable and safe in this environment.

1. General conditions of proposed facility : The walking area will be secured specifically so that no dogs can escape or enter which is required for insurance purposes.

2. Access issues: for the last 18 months the area has seen major roads works due to the laying of a new power cable by national grid which has resulted in increased traffic along Jack Hayes lane to avoid road closures. These works have now finished and traffic has returned to normal levels. The fact that developments have and still are taking place should not be a factor in my application.

3. Monitoring the use of the proposed site: As part of the conditions of use there will be limitations on the number of people who can use the area at any one time , also the area will be accessed using a coded gate that will be given at the time of booking. I will be at field numerous times daily to ensure no abuse of the condition occurs. This principle is used by other such facilities without issue.

Noise: The concerns raised are unfounded as explained in my personal statement. The dogs will be exercising with an owner and there will be no strange dogs in their locality - this is the reason for such areas.

Lighting: All of these comments are not applicable as operating times are only in daylight hours with users vacating before darkness.

It is stated that they think that this is not a viable business opportunity, I strongly dispute this as they are not experts in this field and the success of other similar ventures proves this statement to be wrong.

There is no intention to further develop this area as previously stated.

The point raised about the nation planning policy framework is unsupported due to the numerous construction at the adjacent property.

Concerns from M Butler regarding welfare of stock: I am fully aware of the issues regarding attacks on farm animals as sheep on my family farm have in the past been mauled and killed by uncontrolled dogs. This supports the need for such a safe area that i am wishing to provide.

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