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Conservation Response.

Date: 04/07/2023.

File/Application ref: SMD/2023/0275.

Case Officer: Arne Swithenbank.

Proposal: 'Erection of calf rearing unit'.

Address: Westwood Hall Farm, Westwood Park Drive, Leek, Staffordshire, ST13 8NW.

Dear Arne,

Objection.

This application concerns a number of heritage assets in close proximity to the proposed area for this new structure. They are as follows:

- Westwood Hall. GII. List UID: 1268548.
- Summerhouse in grounds of Westwood Hall. GII. List UID: 1268550.
- Stable Block at Westwood Hall Farm. GII. List UID: 1268549.

A Heritage Statement and Impact Assessment has not formed part of the submission for this application. Consequently, the harm imposed on the setting of the heritage assets has not been fully considered.

The new structure looks to be sited at the southern part of the Westwood Hall, near to the main approach and respective listed Stables. Due to the nature of the proposed function, the new structure is quite enormous and not easily concealable. The traditional redbrick stables and unassuming architecture looks to be enveloped, and due to the proposed placement the building looks to become a 'blot on the landscape'.

Due to insufficient information and assessment of the assets concerned, and the harm imposed as a result of the siting, scale and layout of the new structure; I cannot offer full support.

Regards,

Miss E Holland.
Conservation Officer.

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