

The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/B3438/W/23/3324867

DETAILS OF THE CASE

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Appeal By FLANDERS FALLEN STOCK

Site Address
Crossways Farm
Blakelow Road
Onecote
Staffordshire
ST13 7SF

SENDER DETAILS

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ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- ☐ Appellant
- ☐ Agent
- ☒ Interested Party / Person
- ☐ Land Owner
- ☐ Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- ☐ Final Comments
- ☐ Proof of Evidence
- ☐ Statement
- ☐ Statement of Common Ground
- ☒ Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- ☐ Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

We object to the application for a fallen stock storage facility at Crossways Farm.

We agree with the SMDC planning committee's decision that this should not be allowed to go ahead. The Peak District National Park Authority, Ipstones Parish Council & Onecote Parish Council have also recommended this be turned down.

There are several reasons for our objection, the first is that such a large development on Morridge Top would be seen for miles around as it will be on the top of a hill, which in a beautiful area on the edge of the Peak District would be out of character with the area. There are also concerns on how the storage of fallen stock and the industrialisation of this property will affect the biodiversity in the area.

There will be increased traffic from the lorries that are taking dead animals to the site and to the rendering plant, Waddingtons, in Bradford.

In this area we already have several fallen stock businesses, including AP Proteins in Cheddleton, Brassingtons in Thornecliffe & Redferns in Flagg, so do not see the need for another business doing exactly the same.

One of our main concerns is the smell that will emanate from this facility, even with the most up to date facilities, smells do escape into the surrounding area, both from the facility & the lorries carrying the dead animals, as we have seen near Brassingtons & Pointons. This would have a detrimental effect on tourism, especially at the B&Bs and holiday lets which are close by. The Staffordshire Moorlands & the Peak District are very popular with tourists and quite a few of our neighbours have B&B's, caravan sites, Air BnBs & holiday lets. All these people are adding to the local economy via the tourists & would be affected by smells & industrialisation of this area. This would then have a knock on effect to the restaurants and shops etc, that these tourists visit. The proposed site is on top of a hill in a very windy spot, this wind would carry the smells for miles around and affect many people's lives and their businesses.