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Site Address: Land at Blythe House Farm Upper Tean Staffordshire ST10 4JN Stoke On Trent

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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Application which appears to affect Public Rights of Way (PROWs) Draycott in the Moors 14 and 15.

From a desktop inspection of the area, using Staffordshire Rights of way map, it appears that the current installation has been built over part of the PROW Draycott in the Moors 14.

The screening document contains no details of how the developer intends to maintain the PROW during the development phase and no details of any proposed diversion route (temporary or permanent). Any PROW through or surrounding the site should remain usable, retain their recreational amenity and character, and be integrated as part of the development proposal. The applicant will need to demonstrate to the Highway Authority that all PROWs impacted upon by a development will remain accessible by the general public and the public's rights and ease of passage over public footpaths / bridleways / byways should be maintained free and unobstructed at all times, including during construction, unless formally diverted, to ensure the continued safe passage of the public on the definitive right of way. The use of any PROW for construction vehicle usage will not be acceptable. Where construction vehicles crossing the PROW cannot be prevented, a banksman is to be used. If a PROW has to be temporarily or permanently diverted, then no works should affect the PROW until an Order securing the diversion of the existing de-finitive right of way to a route has been agreed and has been confirmed with Local County Council and the Local Planning Authority; and the new route has been constructed. Mitigation and enhancement measures such as consequential improvements to the PROW network through improving connectivity may be possible. The importance of PROWs as amenities for local communities to improve their mental and physical health and wellbeing should be recognised, protected and enhanced. The character and amenity value of retained PROWs should be maintained and buffers between paths and panels should be used.

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