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Application Reference No. : SMD/2023/0555 Site Address: The Grange Clay Lake Endon Staffordshire ST9 9DD Stoke-On-Trent Comments by: Pauline Marsden

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Submission: Objection

Comments: The design and visual impact of the proposed 22 houses is not in keeping with character of the area. The existing properties are large detached character houses set within large mature gardens.

It is not acceptable to demolish the Grange, which is a large black and white period house, to build a modern densely packed housing estate.

The lack of large gardens and mature trees in the proposal is not in keeping with the character of the area. The gardens of Endon are part of the attractiveness of this Staffordshire Moorlands village. Mature gardens, mature trees and small areas of woodland are essential wildlife habitat for birdlife, insects and mammals.

The access to the Grange for 22 properties and therefore 40+ vehicles on to Clay Lake will add to the large volume of speeding traffic on Clay Lake. The access is only metres away from where the pedestrians and High School Children have to cross Clay Lake to continue on the footpath on the other side. The access would increase the danger for pedestrians. Staffordshire Highways in December 2023 recorded the volume and speed of traffic at the Clay Lake and A53 junction as there is already concern about this junction. 40+ cars add to the congestion and issues with road safety in this area.

The 22 proposed houses will also be an addition strain on the sewage and drainage infrastructure. Firstly flooding in times of rain occurs at the bottom of Clay lake due to surface runoff. Removal of gardens and creation of hard surfaces by the proposed estate will add to this problem. Secondly rain water and streams pass through stone culverts (18 inches square) underneath Clay Lake, A53, Stoney Lane and in times of heavy rain I see drain covers on the A53 dancing on fountains of water due to extreme water pressure.

Also please be aware that the water pressure for houses at the bottom of Clay Lake is high and the water pressure for houses at the top of Clay lake is low. The Water Company has to pump water from the bottom of Clay Lake to the top of Clay Lake. How will the building of 22 houses, 88+ people impact on this situation.

Finally Endon Sewage works is in the top 10 sewage works in Staffordshire for releasing untreated sewage into water courses. This is nationally an environmental problem. How will this densely packed housing estate add to this problem in Endon.

I request that the proposal is refused.

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