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Application Reference No. : SMD/2024/0165 Site Address: Land At Caverswall Road Caverswall
Staffordshire Comments by: Kimberley Williams
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Submission: Objection

Comments: I feel very strongly about objecting to the resubmission of the planning application for the reasons stated below.

- The planning application contains lots of information that is not true. It says that there are no hedges and trees which is clearly untrue. It also says that there are currently four car parking spaces where in reality there are none.

- The proposed plans are not going to make an impact on eco diversity as the dog enclosure will damage the habitats of the wildlife that already reside in the field. Hedgehogs are in serious decline and encouraging them to come to an area where they will be in danger of being stressed and possibly killed by the dogs. The proposed site for a bee hive is next to the enclosure where the dogs and owners will be. It is also right next to the rabbit burrows where there are currently baby rabbits living. This will cause them distress.

- The proposed hedges are only around 2 sides of the enclosure. They will not stop the dogs barking at the children playing in the scout hut.

- The scout hut is right next to the field. Scouts, cubs and children's parties take place inside the grounds of the scout hut. The cubs also camp outside in the Summer. This would be unsafe and unbearable with dogs constantly barking.

- Safeguarding is a huge issue. People using the field will have an unobstructed view of the children using the scout hut as well as the school children who catch the school bus outside of the gate.

- Traffic coming in and out of the field gate will pose a danger to the children waiting to catch the bus.

- Self service. This is extremely dangerous. There is no opportunity for the applicant to check how many and which type of dogs are entering the enclosure. There could be banned breeds using it and they would be oblivious. Also if a dog escapes no one is there to help catch them before causing damage to an animal or child.

- The wire has holes so big that the dogs can fit through and the gate is insecure. Dogs could easily escape from the enclosure.

- This is green belt land and should be protected.

- The opening hours are unbearable for the local residents. There are no lights and there is now no change over time as they are proposing to hire 1 hour slots. There are also residents that work from home and work nights that will be disturbed by the noise.

- They say that it is going to provide outdoor sports but letting a dog round an enclosure can not be classed as a sport.

- The application says that the applicant wants to work with the residents, but none of the residents have heard

from her and most have never seen her.

- I own the field next to the proposed enclosure. It is home to my affiliated dressage horses and my niece's little pony that she is learning to ride on. Having this application resubmitted has caused me a lot of stress and anxiety as it will negatively impact on the welfare of my horses. Dressage is my chosen sport that helps improve my mental health and relieve the stress of work. I spend a huge amount of my spare time in the field working with the horses. This will not only be horrific with the constant barking of dogs but it will be dangerous. I have researched dog enclosures and spoken to my insurance company. They have informed me that the applicant will be unable to get insurance for an enclosure that is so close to livestock. This is extremely worrying for me as it poses a serious danger to my horses. You only have to look at the events surrounding the accident with the Household Cavalry horses to see how easily serious injuries can happen and what happens when horses get spooked.

- The last time this application was submitted it was deemed insecure and refused. I see no reason why this should not be the case again.

To conclude I object to this application on the basis of it being unsafe.

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