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Submission: Objection

Comments: I object to this application as I feel it would be unsustainable, intrusive and untidy in the open countryside.

My concerns are that the proposed shed and track at 'Wassail Farm'....(essentially, isolated grassy fields adjacent to an SSSI site) ...will impact negatively on the character and appearance of the greenbelt. This kind of development should, in my opinion, form part of a cluster of buildings around a farmhouse.

There has been no professional, agricultural appraisal or formal business plan. As a third-generation Wetley Moor farmer, I have serious doubts that this aspirational enterprise could prove sustainable.

In addition, the round trip of at least 40 minutes, twice a day for the essential supervision of stock, is unlikely to succeed because of the cost and time of travel. Reliance on neighbours is not a sound business plan as neighbours come and go.

Retrospective permission was granted, despite residents' concerns, for a similar application in an adjacent field. After unauthorised use as living accommodation and dog kennelling, a subsequent application was then refused. SMD/2022/0248 Are these schemes, without sound, costed proposals, doomed to fail? What then remains?

Littering the countryside with isolated, unsustainable, unsupervised buildings and associated paraphernalia is contrary to policy. I object to this proposed development in the interest of protecting the greenbelt.

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