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Dear Sir or Madam,

We are contacting you in relation to a highly contentious planning application (reference SMD/2024/0077) that is due to be considered at next Tuesday's (12 Nov) Planning Committee.

The application is for a huge 8.5m (28ft) high 'agricultural building' within the a currently undeveloped and highly visible part of the historic parkland of the Basford Hall Estate. The proposed location is also within the setting of at least 7 listed buildings. Since the original application, the applicant has recently updated his plans to include a new access track.

Strangely, it appears from the planning officers report that Conservation hasn't been consulted on this application. The application relates and has even more impacts than the previously refused retrospective applications for a compacted hardcore service track (Ref: SMD/2022/0654 and SMD/2023/0307), where Emily Holland from Conservation was involved. The applicant has since been instructed to reinstate the track through enforcement. Many of the impacts and reasons for the refusal of SMD/2022/0654 and SMD/2023/0307 apply to this application (SMD/2024/0077) and therefore we, as the Basford Green Community wanted to bring it to your direct attention.

The whole community of the small Basford Green Hamlet are completely against this application and as such have raised over 50 points of concern as the basis of our objections including there is no agricultural or forestry need to this building or requirement for this building and this application is a clear attempt to establish a future development footprint and access within a greenfield part of the historic parkland estate for future conversion to yet another holiday let, as part of the continued parcelised strategy to extend the Consall Hall and Gardens offer into the Basford Hall Estate.

Worthy of note is that 5 more tenants have been given notice within the Basford Hall Estate so that those properties can be converted to exclusive holiday lets, as part of the Consall Hall and Gardens Offer. It is also worthy of note, as confirmed by the Forestry Commission, the applicant does not have a felling licence and the huge pile of dead trees on the site of the proposed agricultural buildings were therefore felled illegally. As such on the 7 March 2024, the Forestry Commission issued the applicant with a Restockment Order for which the applicant must plant over 600 replacement trees by June 2025. So again, this building is required for neither agriculture nor forestry!

We understand from Historic England that SMDC Conservation must be consulted on this application given the heritage impacts and so we wanted to bring it to your attention and hope that you can help us stop the further destruction of this beautiful historic landscape.

Yours hopefully,

The Basford Green Community

