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Application Reference No. : SMD/2023/0532 Site Address: Moneystone Quarry Cheadle Road Oakamoor
Staffordshire ST10 2DZ Stoke-On-Trent Comments by: Vic Robson
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Submission: Objection

Comments: I am objecting to the above application because of the following reasons:-

Firstly, the site is situated within the Churnet Valley, an area of significant landscape, wildlife and heritage value. Policy SS11 of the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan states that any development should be of a scale and nature and of a high standard of design which conserves and enhances the heritage, landscape and biodiversity of the area, and that the consideration of landscape character will be paramount in all development proposals.

Secondly, the design is described as 'luxury', the proposed lodges are essentially static caravans with a metal chassis and brickwork skirting. This appears to be avoidance of costs and stringent requirements associated with adhering to building regulations during and after construction, rather than genuinely achieving high-quality design. As all the caravans will be available for purchase, rather than solely available for short term holiday bookings, the whole site could effectively become a new village with minimal services on site. This could put pressure on already strained local health services and school capacity.

Finally, Quarry 2 exhibits a significant fault line within its sandstone, rendering the land inherently unstable for habitation. The subject application neglects to address how the design of the lodges will accommodate this instability.

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