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Subject: Re Application: SMD/2024/0527. Objection
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For the attention of Case Officer

Re Application: SMD/2024/0527

Re Site: Cross Inn Ash Tree Road Hoftens Cross Cauldon Low

We object to the proposed demolition of the above mentioned building as it is a significant, historic landmark in the area being built sometime between the years 1631 -1769

as referenced by maps by William Senior for the Duke of Newcastle 's estate at Waterfall and Cauldon and Yates, J. 1775. Map of Staffordshire.

The historic building should be maintained and preserved in accordance the policies of SMDC Local Heritage Register adopted 2008 and for the details and recommendations within it as well as taking account of the Historic Environment Character Assessment Staffordshire Moorlands August 2010 produced in collaboration with Staffordshire County Council HER, and more recently the SMDC Local Plan for the historic environment.

There is no evidence in the application of any assessment /consultation from the above or indeed from following bodies

Staffordshire County Council:

Cultural Environment Team Environment and Countryside Development Services
Directorate Staffordshire County Council Riverway

Stafford ST16 3TJ

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council:

Conservation Section
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, Moorlands House,
Stockwell Street,
Leek,
ST13 6HQ

English Heritage:

English Heritage West Midlands Region, The Axis,
10 Holliday Street,
Birmingham,

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Nor indeed is there any explanatory rationale for the demolition or attempt to use the building in the current development that has regrettably been established nearby.

From a landscape perspective to replace this traditional area of land and its buildings with another 9 static caravans alongside the already exposed and obvious array of 44 caravans

totally visible in both directions from the main A52 as well as the nearby side lanes and smallholdings to the south of the site and settlement at Caldon Low, is an unnecessary and further transformation of what was a typical traditional moorland landscape to a pretty hideous, glaringly monotonous, characterless, urban caravan park of which there is plenty of provision of a much superior quality to the south west at the Star Caravan site at Cotton.

Pkease refuse this and curtail any more such aberrations in this area.

Yours sincerely,

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