

Kingsley Parish Council

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Dear Planning Officer

Re: Planning Application SMD/2024/0527 – Proposed Demolition of the Cross Inn, Caudon Lowe

Apologies that these representations are being belated forwarded to you. This issue should have been discussed earlier by Kingsley Parish Council (KPC) but due to an oversight was not on the February Agenda. Cotton and Caudon Lowe is a neighbouring parish and KPC Councillors expressed a wish to comment on this important local issue. Notwithstanding that this letter is just outside the period for public consultation, we hope you will give due regard to our concerns.

Kingsley Parish Council wish to object to the planning application on the following grounds:

1. **Historic:** The Cross Inn building was originally built in the mid-18th century. Whilst acknowledging that it is not a 'Listed Building' we should nonetheless be doing all we can to preserve this local community heritage asset. If demolished it will be lost forever. To demolish the building as a site for caravans, (*which could easily be sited elsewhere*), is totally unnecessary and unjustified.
2. **Loss of Community Facility:** The loss of the Cross Inn as a public house was a big loss to the local community of Caudon Lowe and the wider area. As the Local Authority, SMDC should be doing all it can to preserve existing community facilities. (*The existing building could be used as the Caravan Park Reception, and/or a pub, shop or café servicing the caravan park visitors and the local community*).
3. **Negative Visual Impact:** The existing buildings, sited on the main A52 road, at its junction with the road to Caudon, is located at the centre of Caudon Lowe village. It is central to village life and the very nature of the village. To replace the existing buildings with an extended caravan site would have a very negative impact on the visual appeal of Caudon Lowe as a unique Staffordshire Moorlands village.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

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