
From: planningcomments@staffs Moorlands.gov.uk
Sent: 29 July 2025 13:53
To: Planning Comments (SMDC)
Subject: Comment Received from Public Access

Categories:

Application Reference No. : SMD/2025/0237 Site Address: Side Farm Cotton Bank Cotton Staffordshire ST10 3DU
Stoke On Trent Comments by: Nicola Hancock

From:

Dell Side Cottage
Cotton Bank
Cotton
Stoke on Trent
Staffordshire
ST10 3DU

Phone:

Email:

Submission: Support

Comments: I would see the site as a small family run business that would attract people that care about the environment who wish to enjoy the countryside without the chaos of a large site. I think it will appeal to people that want to add a touch of luxury while getting close to nature.

I think it would be good for the area as a whole as it will attract people that are sympathetic to our little piece of heaven rather than a larger venue that would attract crowds and avoid the culture that would be associated with larger venues.

I know the owners love our area and want it to remain as largely unaffected as possible and want to share that with like-minded guests. Many of my friends and family who walk the surrounding area have often commented how they would love to spend a few days here just soaking in the vibe that Cotton offers.

I recognise the concerns raised by local objections with regards to an increase in traffic, but as a new resident myself, I think the increase that has apparently been witnessed would follow any family that moved into the area. As for the safety of the pedestrians on the lane, I walk my dogs twice daily on there as I access many of the walking routes locally. To date I've not had a negative experience with any drivers. Most of the roads that feed into the lane are narrow with blind bends and I don't really see how this is different.

With regards to the water pressure issues that have been raised elsewhere, my property is also part of the same water supply pipe and I have been reassured by the owners of Side Farm that they do not intend to use this water supply pipe for the glamping. As such there will be no changes to mine or anyone else's current water supply pipe as a result of this glamping site. I would much rather them get the glamping permission and use a separate water supply for this, compared to having to run the farm as a commercial farm and use my water supply pipe for all the commercial farm activities which will inevitably affect water pressure.

As a resident, I would much rather see the land be used in its most natural state like the glamping site applied for than see it turned into some large commercial development or solar farm as seems to be the case in the surrounding neighbourhood. I think glamping is the correct option, especially given the lane access, as if the owners were to continue farming there would be higher volumes of larger vehicles coming up and down the lane (that would be too big to use the passing places). I am also glad they are not offering camping as I understand planning permission isn't required for this for a certain period of each year, and this would bring with it much more traffic than the proposed small glamping site.

Do you really need to print out this Email? Be green - keep it on the screen.

This email is intended for the addressee(s) only and may contain sensitive, privileged or confidential information that could be protectively marked. If you are not the addressee please do not use the information in any way. If you have received this email in error please notify the sender immediately and delete it from your system. Thank you.

The Council may be required to disclose this email or any responses to it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The way in which we handle personal information is set out in our privacy notice and is available at <https://www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/YourData>
