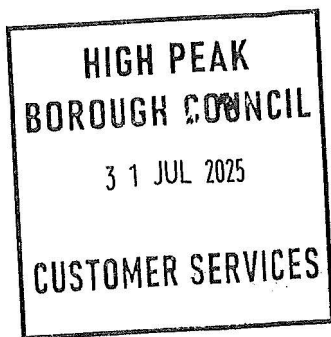




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Planning Department
SMDC
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Re: Planning Application SMD/2025/0237 at Side Farm.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Side Farm is an exceptionally beautiful place, lying, as it does, above Cotton Dell SSSI and surrounded on three sides by a Staffordshire Wildlife Nature Reserve. Cotton Dell is Ancient Woodland and Side Farm meadows are flower-rich; England has lost 97% of its flower-rich meadows in the last century, so it is an incredibly important ecological site.

When the Churnet Valley Masterplan was put out to public consultation, SMDC told us that we had asked for 'balanced development'. This meant honouring existing planning proposals - including the provision of 250 low grade holiday caravan/lodges less than a mile away at Moreystone. We were told by you that other development would thus be restricted. Side Farm (in common with Moreystone Park) has no public transport and its development would severely damage the current landscape.

If honour means anything to SMDC, you will honour your pledge to restrict further development and turn down this harmful application.

Yours Sir

(JOHN HIGGINS)