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Submission: Objection

Comments: An existing wood chip storage facility with access already exists on site and has been in use for at least six years. The presence of a substantial number of felled trees on site suggests that 'storage' may be secondary to 'processing'.

This application falls under Policy SS2 where the development of 'Other Rural Areas' is normally unacceptable.

The owner does not farm his own land; an agricultural building was available but has been converted into a holiday let.

The work of processing timber involves debarking, chipping, screening, drying and processing. This work is, by its nature, noisy, dusty and unsuited for a rural community of this type. It will also entail increased vehicle use if only to replace the logs used. Stored chips, if damp, can easily self-combust, presenting another risk and danger to residents.

The Park covers some 600 + acres, why site the proposed unit in full view on virgin farmland? There is a need to weigh this application against the total environmental and ecological features of the historic park land setting and proximity to several listed buildings.

The proposal also threatens the visual landscape. As proposed, the building, an alien shape, would rise some 3.5 meters above the nearest farm building, a storage facility attached to Sneyd Arms Farm, which currently is hidden by hedgerows which may become trapped by the new proposed construction.

The application, as it stands, will diminish both the quality of local life and the landscape. It would put the health and mental well-being of local people under pressure by adding noise and additional traffic hazards to their daily routine.

In summary, Cheddleton Parish Council object to the application.

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