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Staffordshire Moorlands District Council.

In addition to the very many local objections to this planning application I would wish to raise the following points.

The application states the NPFF's policy is to be in favour of sustainable development , and that the District Council should meet the needs of rural development. I refer to the location of Stonevalley , please see attached document above , which is located at the end of Roughcote Lane .This company is singularly and directly involved in the supply of landscaping materials. It was bought into being by completely using a former quarry site and had its own access road built directly to the A520.

Its site cannot be viewed from any road nor residence and clearly does not have any negative impact on the local community at all.

As such the proposed application would be completely duplicating the trade opportunity offered by Stonevalley. To consider that this proposal would only employ three people and not provide any local housing is hardly providing a service centre or hub for the local rural area. On the contrary it would only create a commercial or industrial intrusion. Roughcote lane and Caverswall Common are tranquil residential areas in Staffordshire Moorlands known for its charm and spaciousness. They are also known for their peaceful countryside and splendid isolation with scenic views. It is difficult to anticipate that this proposed application will in anyway positively contribute to the locality.

I would ask that planning permission is not granted for the application for change of use.

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