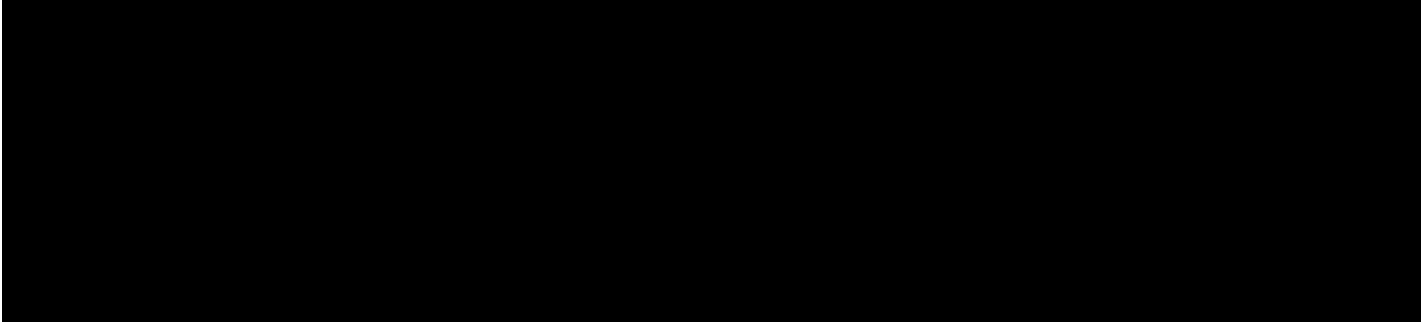




Application Reference No. : SMD/2025/0385 Site Address: Higherland Farm Caverswall Common Lane Caverswall
Staffordshire ST11 9EU Stoke-On-Trent Comments by: A. Griffiths

From:

Roughcote Lane
Caverswall
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Submission: Objection

Comments: I previously forwarded an objection to the application based mainly around public safety. After reading comments from the Highways Department I wish to put in a further objection feeling concerned that Highways have only looked at Personal Injury Collisions either side of the proposed site.

Highways state current records show that there were no Personal Injury Collisions on Common Lane within 215 metres either side of site access between 31/12/2020 and 30/12/2023. With respect accidents are more likely to happen on routes travelling to and from the site.

The lanes are narrow with a number of steep banks and blind bends. Blind bends 1 in Common Lane, 2 on Roughcote Lane, 2 in the Hollow, 3 on Handley Banks, 2 heading towards Dilhorne. A total of 10. All these routes will be used to access the site.

On the blind bends on Roughcote Lane there have been numerous accidents. A number of times vehicles end up on their roofs having drove up into the hedgerow to avoid collision and flipped over. I have personal experience of having my wing mirror smashed with glass cutting my face. My partner has been knocked over from behind whilst dog walking resulting in being hospitalised. Police Involved. Driver prosecuted. On Handley banks my horse was hit by a vehicle travelling too fast to stop driving up the hedgerow then colliding with the horse causing injury. The horse left so traumatised he was never able to be ridden on the roads again.

One of the reasons for Highways refusal is visibility access outside the site. Highways state however if this was improved, it would not prejudice a further application at a later date. Local concern is not just outside the site area but size and volume of traffic travelling to the site. Please consider the surrounding areas and local safety.

It is interesting to read that the majority of support for this application is from people who do not use these lanes on a regular basis , do not live locally, or even been to the area.

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