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Application Reference No. : SMD/2025/0532 Site Address: Stonehouse Farm Ash Bank Road Werrington
Staffordshire ST9 0JR Stoke-On-Trent Comments by: Mrs Gemma Keiher-KnapperParish Council

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Comments: Werrington Parish Council recognises the need for a new Co-op for several reasons. The current store is no longer fit for purpose, being insufficient in size and lacking adequate storage and parking facilities. Additionally, deliveries present a safety concern due to the store's location within a built-up area and its proximity to a primary school.

The Parish Council previously objected to the first planning application on the grounds that access to and from Ash Bank Road was unsafe, a position initially supported by the Highways statement. However, after reviewing data from the Speed Indicator Device installed opposite the Windmill, it is evident that vehicle speeds on this section of the road have either decreased as a result of the device or were previously overestimated.

Furthermore, the Parish Council has since become aware that a condition of the housing development next to the Young Offenders Institute required the installation of a pedestrian crossing, a condition that has not yet been met. The Parish Council is working with Staffordshire Moorlands District Council (SMDC) to ensure this crossing is installed.

In light of the updated speed data and the need for a crossing, the Parish Council no longer takes a position for or against this planning application, provided that SMDC ensures that developer installs the required crossing. The installation of the crossing will, in turn, enhance safety in the area.

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