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Staffordshire ST13 8TN Leek Comments by: Ben McIlwaine
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Submission: Objection

Comments: I am writing to formally object to planning application SMD/2026/0052 regarding the large-scale redevelopment of the former Anzio Camp at Blackshaw Moor into residential dwellings and retail businesses.

The introduction of a major housing and commercial site will inevitably lead to a significant increase in traffic congestion and noise along the already busy A53 Buxton Road, compromising both road safety and local infrastructure. Additionally, the site's isolated location lacks essential amenities within walking distance, which will force future residents to rely heavily on private vehicles for their basic daily needs, further exacerbating the traffic and environmental impact.

Furthermore, such an extensive development threatens the rural character and tranquility of the Blackshaw Moor area, potentially causing adverse ecological impacts on the surrounding environment and the nearby Peak District National Park. Initial ecological walkover surveys raise significant concerns regarding the presence of bats on the site. Given their protected status, no development or planning decisions should proceed until comprehensive, full bat surveys have been conducted and reviewed. Ultimately, the sheer scale of this proposal is clearly unsuited to the local landscape and will place an unsustainable strain on the community's resources.

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