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To: Planning Comments (SMDC)
Subject: APPLICATION NUMBER - SMD/2026/0099 - LAND SOUTH OF FARMSIDE LANE,
BIDDULPH MOOR

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Please accept my views concerning the above mentioned application:

The land lies within North Staffordshire Green Belt and there are no special circumstances to deviate from that policy.

The proposed development does not meet an essential local need to be located in the countryside.

New housing should be limited to infills but as the site is not bounded the application cannot be considered an infill.

The proposed development would do harm to Green Belt land and cannot be considered as Grey Belt as it does not comprise previously developed land. Therefore, development of existing buildings does not apply.

There is no evidence of unmet housing need in Biddulph Moor so there is no compelling planning need and there is already inadequate community infrastructure.

As there is no mains gas in the village new housing would possibly result in more demand for oil! and bottled gas.

Any development could contravene neighbourhood policies and would be an encroachment into the countryside.

The proposed development conflicts with local planning policy and the Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan.

Kindly note that the 'Proposed Site Plan' shows that at least one of the semi-detached properties is to encroach onto land belonging to Hockadilla Farm. I'm unsure as to how the owners of Hockadilla Farm will feel about that.

Finally, please accept this correspondence as an objection to the planning application.

Yours faithfully,
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