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Application Reference No. : SMD/2026/0201 Site Address: Land Off Breach Road Brown Edge Staffordshire
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Submission: Objection

Comments: I wish to submit my objection to the planning application for the proposed 55 dwellings in Brown Edge for the following reasons:

1. There will be an unavoidable impact on the wildlife and environment in the village. I live very close to the boundary of this field and the adjacent field. The network of fields, trees and hedgerows supports a diverse range of mammals, birds and amphibians as well as the insects, pollinators and invertebrates. The proposed development would cause significant harm to the local wildlife through loss of habitat, a reduction in food sources and a disruption to the wildlife corridors which form essential connections for the wildlife to travel, live, roost and breed. These fields are home to many animals such as bats, hedgehogs, foxes, hares and even an occasional deer has been spotted. The small mammals are predated on by the owls, buzzards and hawks which can be seen hunting over the field. The butterflies, moths and insects support the frogs, toads and newts who visit the brook running down the side of the field as well as the wide variety of birds; both permanent and migratory. Bats can be seen flying on most evenings in the summer. The development will bring light and noise pollution with the increased human activity and additional street lighting which will cause harm to the nocturnal wildlife including tawny owls, foxes, hedgehogs and bats who currently enjoy a largely dark sky area.

2. The loss of the field in the green belt will affect the natural area which surrounds the rural village and take away defining land which forms part of the boundary line of the village. The residential development will blur the boundary and create the risk of the village merging into the other nearby settlements on Clay Lake and Endon. This lack of definition will affect the identity and character of the village.

3. The proposed development site is on sloping land which is regularly affected by surface run off during periods of prolonged and heavy rainfall. The water runs down and collects on the road by the proposed entrance. Removing soil and trees and replacing them with non permeable surfaces needed for building foundations, driveways and roads will increase the amount of surface water and cause further flooding, soil erosion and impact the drainage and sewage system. There are existing flooding issues a short distance away on Breach Road. The development will exacerbate the situation as rainfall continues to increase each year. The additional housing will put extra pressure on

an already poorly functioning water and drainage system. Villagers frequently have to endure the water being turned off without warning due to the boosters at the nearby water treatment facility breaking down. We even had bottled water delivered by the water company last year after the loss of supply became an almost weekly event. It would be unlikely that the current water and drainage system would be able to cope with any further demand for water or the disposal of more waste water.

4. With regards to the amenities in the village, there is one grocery shop with limited post office facilities, a small selection of independent businesses and a pub. The primary school is small and oversubscribed with one class for each year. There are no doctors surgeries within walking distance or even a chemist. There are rarely many opportunities for new employment in the village itself. An influx of people will put more strain on the existing amenities. The bus service is infrequent and inadequate most of the time and often unreliable forcing people to drive instead.

5. The increase in traffic through the village will cause further congestion especially at peak times. The proposed entrance/exit for the development is just before a bend in the road with young trees planted along which restricts the view of drivers. The entrance will be opposite to the entrance to the nursery and nursing home which already creates a lot of traffic in and out of the junction. The main route for school children walking to Endon High School crosses over the proposed entrance. The increase in traffic and the positioning of the site entrance/exit following the bend in the road will cause extra dangers for pedestrians and other road users.

6. In conclusion, I wholly object to the planning application for the reasons stated above. The development on the site will greatly and adversely impact the local wildlife, village amenities, infrastructure, utilities and the village identity as a whole, all of which outweigh any need for a development on this site.

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