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Submission: Objection

Comments: RE: HPK/2018/0426. We strongly object to this application based upon the following grounds:

1) The site is clearly visible from our property on Start Lane and is an eye-sore, in particular:

• the shepherds hut,

• the green and white •tool-shed• (which we are led to believe contains a sauna),

• the extensive excavated terracing that has been used over some weekends for family camping. On these occasions it was very noisy, particularly in the evenings, ruining this beautiful secluded corner of the countryside.

2) We are puzzled as to why he needs to build a shower and toilet block for contractors working on the site. Most work sites manage with a Porta-Loo or some other temporary sanitation, building a permanent structure seems overkill and costly, unless its purpose is for something else. It also does not make sense that it takes 5 years to clear rhodedendron on such a small site, particularly as the submission mentions a potential 2-5 jobs being created locally as a result. This amount of constant work is unnecessary and thus should not require a shower block/ toilet/ refreshment area to support it.

3) Access to the site via Kishfield Lane or Start lane is very limited, the road is classified as unsuitable for motors. In particular Kishfield Bridge is already suffering due to traffic it was not designed for. It is narrow and on a very tight bend, and has suffered damage over the years by unsuitable vehicles using it. We doubt the bridge will support the vehicles required for any heavy building work, or car park development. The road simply isn't fit for this type of traffic.

4) The long-term proposals don't make sense. This is agricultural land, ideas for a cafe/ pop up theatre/glamping/ research centre are inappropriate. There is mention of a pathway linking Whaley Bridge to Kettleshulme, but the path along the reservoir that is mentioned is private and not a public right of way

5) The Scar Wood site (erroneously referred to as Tom Wood) is ancient woodland and a refuge for wildlife - deer, badgers, and foxes which are frequently seen from our property, plus a large population of birdlife and bats which nest in the woods. This would be severely affected by the protracted and intermittent nature of this proposed development.

Our main objections are on grounds of traffic, wildlife conservation and noise pollution. We would urge the Planning Department to refuse this application in its entirety and get the illegal items on site removed as soon as possible.

Regards

Ross and Debra Wilson