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Application Reference No. : HPK/2024/0143 Site Address: Derbyshire County Council Works Department Ashbourne Lane Chapel-En-Le-Frith Derbyshire SK23 0PA High Peak Comments by: Laura Knowles
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Submission: Objection

Comments: I am writing to express my grave concerns regarding the proposed planning application for the Ashbourne Lane Industrial site (Application Number: HPK/2024/0143), which will have a detrimental impact on my quality of life and the residential character of the area.

As a resident of 22c Buxton Road for the past 24 years, I have witnessed the evolution of the site from its previous use as a council wood yard to its current derelict state. However, the proposed demolition of existing workshops and retaining walls, and the erection of three new workshops with retaining structures, landscaping, and car parking, will severely compromise my living conditions and those of my neighbours.

The proposed Unit 3, in particular, poses a significant threat to my home. Its towering height of 8-9 meters above ground level will cast an imposing shadow over my house and garden, resulting in a substantial loss of daylight and sunlight, especially during the winter months. As a south-facing property, my home has enjoyed the natural progression of sunlight from east to west throughout the day, a privilege that will be stripped away by this overbearing structure.

The loss of natural light will not only impact the ambiance of my living spaces but also necessitate increased energy consumption for artificial lighting, leading to higher utility bills. The rooms at the back of my house, including two bedrooms, the bathroom, kitchen, and dining room, will be significantly affected, compromising my family's comfort and well-being.

Furthermore, the proposed development raises several other concerns:

- The final intended use of these units has not been specified, leaving residents uncertain about potential disturbances, such as noise, light, smoke, or odour pollution, which are unacceptable in a residential area.

- The sheer scale of the proposed units, particularly Unit 3, is disproportionate and out of character with the surrounding residential properties, breaching the skyline and compromising the visual aesthetics of the neighbourhood.
- My privacy within my home and garden will be severely compromised by the imposing presence of Unit 3, which appears to have been designed without consideration for the existing residents.
- The proposed drainage system raises concerns about potential flooding risks to my property and the surrounding area.
- The development does not seem to be listed in Chapel en le Frith's Neighbourhood Plan, raising questions about its compliance with local planning guidelines.
- The increased traffic flow on Buxton Road and the narrow junction at Ashbourne Lane pose safety risks and potential congestion issues.

This proposed development fails to respect the scale and character of its surroundings, disregarding the well-being of residents who have called this area home for decades. I implore the planners to reconsider this proposal and prioritise the preservation of our residential community's quality of life. Any new development should harmonise with its surroundings, not overshadow and disrupt the lives of existing residents.

I urge you to carefully review this objection. This is a residential area, and the concerns of its inhabitants should be given utmost priority.