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Comments: Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the above-referenced planning application for the erection of a large shed intended to store forestry items at Scar Wood for the following reasons.

1. Impact on Visual Amenity and Character of the Area:

The proposed development is out of scale and character with the surrounding area, which is predominantly natural protected woodland and an area of outstanding beauty.

The industrial appearance of the shed would significantly alter the visual landscape, leading to a loss of the area's natural charm and visual amenity. The shed¿s bulk, design is not in keeping with this area of outstanding beauty and would create an eyesore that is detrimental to the area¿s aesthetics.

2. Environmental Impact:

The proposed shed may have a detrimental impact on the local environment, particularly if forestry operations involve heavy machinery, fuel storage, or other potentially hazardous materials. There is a risk of soil contamination, water pollution to the adjoining Todbrook river, and harm to local abundant wildlife. Additionally, the increased activity could result in the loss of trees or damage to nearby habitats, which would have long-term ecological consequences.

3. Traffic and Access Concerns:

The development is likely to generate increased traffic, including large vehicles such as trucks and heavy machinery. This poses a safety risk to local residents and could lead to road damage. The existing single track road infrastructure will not be suitable to accommodate such heavy use, leading to potential hazards.

4. Noise and Disturbance:

Forestry activities often involve the use of loud machinery, which would generate significant noise pollution. This is particularly concerning given the proximity of residential properties and the likely disruption to the peaceful enjoyment of their homes. The increased noise levels would be incompatible with the quiet rural environment currently enjoyed by residents some, as ourselves, in the adjoining Peak National Park.

5. Impact on Property Values:

The proposed shed could have a negative impact on property values in the area due to its industrial nature and the associated disturbances. The visual intrusion, noise, and increased traffic could make the area less desirable for prospective buyers.

6. Lack of Justification:

The applicant has not provided sufficient justification for the need for such a structure in this location.

Lastly we strongly suspect this application is a smoke screen for people to stay in the ¿shed¿ as the area currently has a mobile steam room, Bath and van where people are regularly seen and heard (very noisy).

Also the Rhododendron removal discussed in the last rejected proposal has not been carried out to any extent.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Planning Committee to refuse this application as they have with previous applications for the same site.

Thank you for considering our objections. I would appreciate being kept informed of any developments in relation to this application.

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