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Dear South Staffs Planning Authority

As someone who is directly affected by the proposed plan, as a resident of [REDACTED], I wish to formally present my objections to the plan to the relevant authorities.

From a personal standpoint I purchased this house in Oct 2020 due to its rural location and views of the overlooking fields. Housing site 313 is located directly opposite my bedroom window and if built will not only reduce my personal enjoyment, due to noise pollution, increased traffic and damage to the view, but is highly likely to reduce the selling price of my house, making it difficult to relocate.

The plan includes vehicle access to Himley Lane, I believe this to be unsafe as there are a large number of vehicles that drive at unsafe but legal speeds (50-60mph) around blind bends. In order to access Himley lane from the new estate a T junction would have to be used, which would be very difficult for the cars to see and react to, which is likely to cause a large number of accidents.

I also object to the overarching plan to build on greenbelt sites across south Staffordshire. The plan is incredibly short sighted and is damaging to the environment. If the greenbelt locations are built upon they are incredibly difficult to revert, if the government continues to build on these sites without addressing the actual problem of a constantly growing population on an island with limited space the standard of living for the citizens of the UK will continue to decrease. With the increasing access to automation a growing population is not required for a country to look after its future citizens, it only makes life more difficult with more traffic, more strain on nationalised services such as the NHS and more competition for houses. Is the government's plan to simply continue building more houses? The majority of people asking for new homes to be built are located around London and the South east, how does building houses in South Staffordshire address this other than giving the government a "we built x number of houses this year excuse"?

The ongoing energy crisis caused by Russia shows how dangerous it is to rely on foreign imports, if you continue to build on agricultural land it is very likely that in the event of supply lines being disrupted, such as at the port of Dover, parts of the UK will struggle to have access to fresh meat as well as other animal and plant derivatives such as rapeseed oil. This will particularly affect areas such as south Staffordshire that lack rail or sea logistic hubs. The government should be looking to increase the amount of homegrown produce in order to reduce its reliance on systems it does not have any control over.

Finally the construction of housing on greenbelt land goes directly against the government's repeated promises to reduce carbon emissions. Not only do the present trees reduce CO₂ in the atmosphere, replacing the current local agriculture requires a large increase in transport, contributing to climate change. South Staffordshire council has even declared that we are in a climate emergency, yet continue to propose the building of new

houses with all of the carbon emitting construction equipment that is required. The council's suggestion that carbon offsetting is used is a complete farce and has been shown by numerous studies to often be incorrectly calculated and of very little benefit compared to the damage caused.

I hope you will reconsider your plans for future developments

Regards Reece Crowhurst