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I strongly object to the site allocation: 036c Land at Weeping Cross (adjoining Stafford Borough boundary).

The proposed site is located right on the border of South Staffordshire County Council, neighbouring Staffordshire County Council. There appears to be no proposal to develop current infrastructure serving this, already heavily populated, area. Therefore, this proposed development will just add further strain on oversubscribed local services.

These services, including schools, and Weeping Cross Health Centre which serves a huge local population are already under significant strain. It is noted in the core strategy that key services will be delivered to meet local community need but there does not appear to be any plans for new services to support the proposal of new housing here.

The A34 is already an extremely busy road, particularly at peak times during the day. The site is located next to Acton Hill Road which is a largely single track road and already unsuitable for the current high volume of traffic. The proposal would undoubtedly lead to increased users of this road as it is the quickest route from the site to the M6 motorway. More residents in this area would exacerbate congestion issues and road safety concerns.

There is currently a large new housing estate being developed by Bellway on the old Police Headquarters site just a short distance from the site allocation on the A34. This is not yet completed and is already adding to the increased pressures on local services and road networks.

Maintaining the character and quality of the countryside is documented as a key priority within the core strategy for South Staffordshire. How does your proposal to concrete over a field support this? The proposed site is a beautiful large field, which sits next to a small woodland area and a narrow footpath leading to the canal. The field is used for agricultural and is home to an abundance of wildlife, including deer which are frequently seen.

The significant impact this proposal has on local residents well-being must be taken in to account. The field and woodland area are an integral part of the Wildwood estates charm and character. The beauty and tranquility of this green space is massively appreciated by local residents. The view of this field, alongside the narrow

path in to woodland and towards the canal aids psychological relaxation and stress alleviation for local residents. Green space provides mental health benefits and there is a lot of evidence to support that it lowers risk of psychiatric disorders. There is increasing evidence that greater levels of exposure to natural environments positively impacts mental health.

This proposal is desperately unwanted by local Stafford Borough residents and Councillors. I am aware that many local residents have felt incredibly frustrated by the proposal due to the already inadequate infrastructure and ongoing road safety concerns and congestion on nearby roads.

There have also been discussions on social media forums about how incredibly difficult residents have found it to navigate the South Staffordshire Council website in order to locate plans and comment on the proposal. This has led to some local residents feeling powerless and questioning whether the layout of the site is intentional to deter people from making comments and objecting to plans.

Further consideration is required to identify more suitable sites to meet the housing need for South Staffordshire County Council. There is insufficient support from local services and local residents and councillors are entirely against it.

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