



29<sup>th</sup> May 2024

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to oppose the plans for a housing development on land off Cannock Road, Weeping Cross, Stafford. (Acton Hill O36c)

1: I have general concerns about the capacity of our road infrastructure to cope with more traffic here- it is already very difficult to turn out of Wildwood onto the Cannock Road (by the Wildwood pub) at peak times due to the large volume of traffic. The volume of traffic using the A34 to access the town centre and retail parks is already causing long queues. I believe this development will increase this problem.

2: I do not believe there is capacity in the local schools to accommodate the increase in numbers of pupils requiring places.

3: The development of this site in addition to the site at the old police headquarters will put excess pressure on the Cannock Road and local facilities. The total effect of all the developments together needs to be considered carefully.

4: This site is part of designated open countryside and should be protected as such. The area includes productive farm land which should also be protected.

**NB: Specific concerns regarding the original Gladmans plans included:**

**5: Safety concerns about the original plans regarding the inclusion of a pathway through onto the Wildwood ring road. This part of the ring road has a dip and a bend. Crossing is not safe due to poor visibility and speed of traffic. (I have seen many pets hit by cars here.) This would therefore not be a safe thoroughfare.**

**6: The retention of the woodland area is vital for wildlife and the line of woodland should be retained and extended along the edge of the wildwood estate and up to the main road. This will need to be wider along the pedestrian access that leads from the Cannock road along the edge of Wildwood and where the attenuation ponds are planned, to ensure that wildlife still has a route despite having buildings on either side.**

I trust that these concerns will be carefully considered and addressed.

Kind Regards,

Paula Haylock