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#### PLANNING REFERENCE 21/00023/FUL – AGENDA ITEM 5.3

##### **Land North of Home Farm Cottage and Park View Cottage, Main Street, Strelley, Nottinghamshire**

The following paragraph within the report in relation to submissions from members of the public should be read as follows (additional text highlighted in bold):

5.4 Eight properties either adjoining or closely linked to the site have been consulted and a site notice was displayed. 9 letters of objection have been received from members of the public in respect of this application, with 47 letters of support received. The reasons for objection can be summarised as follows:

- Danger of wild cats to local horse riders as they can scare the horses.
- They should already be in an enclosure that is suitable for their well-being.
- The enclosure is not safe.
- The wild cats pose a significant threat to the surrounding animals and people if they were to escape.
- Penguins have escaped from this property before.
- The animals should be in a proper sanctuary or zoo.
- The applicant should have prepared the correct enclosure for the animals prior to obtaining them.
- No roof on the proposed fencing.
- Witnessed bones from carcasses on the bridleway assumed to be related to the enclosure.
- The lions and puma are not rescue animals, they were purchased and smuggled in.
- The applicant does not have a good record of keeping animals, he has managed to kill 3 penguins, one capybara and one of his monkeys lost an arm.
- A member of staff at the site was mauled by the puma.
- The animals escape continuously.
- Unsuitable development in the Green Belt.
- The enclosure should not be allowed to move closer to the bridleway.
- Increased traffic has been caused by people trying to view the animals and TV crews.
- The site has a rundown appearance and creates smell pollution.
- The enclosure was deemed suitable in its present form by the applicant's advisers and the Council's Licencing Officer.
- The Born Free Foundation previously offered to take the lions.
- People and horses don't like passing the public right of way so close to the enclosure and there is no other way round this area.
- The very special circumstances that permitted the original permission should not have been valid as there was an offer from the Born Free Foundation to take the Lions.

- The proposed fence has an industrial appearance.
- Extending the enclosure will add to the smell pollution.
- The access to the north of the site is not a legal access.
- Roars from the big cats can be heard throughout the day.
- Loss of privacy to neighbouring properties due to increase in people visiting the area.

The reasons for support can be summarised as follows:

- Animals are not a problem to local users of the bridleway.
- Enclosure cannot be seen from bridleway.
- The animals are well looked after.
- It will help enrich the lives of the animals.
- The applicant is very dedicated to the animals.
- Conservation of this kind is very important and the animals are better off here than in zoos.
- It will help the applicant to carry on his good work to eventually re-house to regional zoos or give a chance after rehab to return the animals back to their natural environment.
- The animals are part of the village.
- The proposal is in the best interest of the animals.

**It should be noted that the above comments are those received from members of the public, who are always able to make comments on planning applications and no evidence has been supplied to support these comments. Matters such as the obtaining and keeping of animals by the applicant are not material planning considerations and therefore must be disregarded in making any decision on this application which must be decided on planning grounds. Other matters such as noise, smell, traffic and loss of amenity have been dealt with in the report.**

Amended plans were received on 12 February 2021, and a re-consultation was carried out. In response to these 11 further responses from member of the public have been received, 6 of which are in support of the proposal, and 5 of which object to it. The reasons identified have been covered in the responses to the original plans.