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Re: PL/2024/05527: Proposed ARK DATA CENTRE , Land South of Westwells Road

Dear Mr Madge,

We are writing to let you know of our serious concerns with respect to the proposal for the Data Centre in the above planning application.

1) This industrial development is not in the Strategic Local Plan for the area and therefore should not be considered at all.

2) Our main concern is that of Noise impact.

There will be very considerable noise emitted from the many cooling fans atop this massive 60-foot-high structure, which will be much more audible and intrusive than that from the other local data centre as it is twice as close and twice as large.

On this basis alone the new data centre can be expected to be 8 times louder than the existing data centres to the inhabitants of Moor Park and the Stoneworks as an example. If you live closer the noise levels will be even worse.

Do you feel the responses to the comments on the Noise Impact Assessment are adequate or sufficiently re-assuring? We don't.

3) We strongly object to the very close proximity of this enormous, brutally ugly structure to the road and to the communities on either side of it ie the houses on Westwells road, Moor Green, Tawney Close, Moor Park, and The Stoneworks - which has a children's play area immediately opposite the proposed Data centre site, and on the other side of the site Wadswick Green Retirement Village - home to a large and expanding older population.

It is worth noting here that the residents closest to the site (Westwells road /Moor Green/Tawney Close/ The Stoneworks etc) have not been adequately consulted.

As you will be aware constant Low frequency tonal noise pollution , apart from disturbing the peace of the village and causing annoyance, can cause mental health and physical problems.

We are concerned this will be particularly intrusive at night and interfere with the quality of our sleep.

4) We understand that planning for housing on the site was refused based on concerns over flooding in this immediate area. How can a data centre be any better even with flood reduction schemes built in- especially as the existing drainage infrastructure is woefully inadequate?

Our thanks for your time in considering our concerns,
Kind regards,

Tim and Lesley Bolt