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Your Ref: Planning application to Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council 21250 /Betley Court Farm

I write in support of the recent planning application to Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council reference 21250 by Betley Court Farm

It has been my privilege to work with Betley Court Farm on numerous occasions in the recent past to organise and undertake a large scale Fair at Betley Court Farm during which time I can attest to the commitment of the Speed Family to the wellbeing, health and safety of the local community

There has been recent, uninvited canvassing of the residents of Betley which serves to attempt to garner support for objection to the application as above, much of the information therein is at least subjective and at best demonstrably inaccurate

To state that the past events held at Betley Court Farm were controversial is subjective.

Respectfully the matter of nuisance raised within this attempt to block the success of this application is entirely one of opinion given that by its very definition nuisance must create either a danger or a demonstrable deprivation of amenity;

Notably at prior music events police involvement was supportive in its capacity as to traffic management and public safety in the locality, in fact intervention was negligible and this information as a clear point of fact is available to the public domain via the route of Freedom of Information.

The fact that Betley Court Farm in the case of all similar events were keen to communicate with the local community and to provide recourse for public comment serves to underline their commitment to peaceable relationships with the community in hosting events that are accessible and clearly enjoyed by a wide demographic

It is the understanding of local residents that the application serves to provide opportunities to host future events, not on a sustained or regular basis but with an entirely proportionate approach

The Speed family have for a number of years successfully hosted both an annual show and bonfire attracting large numbers of people from a diverse area, all of which they have managed with the cooperation of the local community, many of whom repeatedly volunteer in a supportive capacity, this is not indicative of a community who do not generally accord with local organisers

There is a commonality amongst the local community in holding the Speed family in high regard for not only their stewardship of the farm but of their constant effort to foster strong community links, regularly reinvesting generously into local initiatives and charities, for the most part to the ultimate benefit of the children's community locally

In summary and from personal experience of a number of years I can attest that the Speed family have consistently acted as responsible Farmers, business owners, neighbours and friends. Many of the events held at Betley Court Farm have enhanced the experience of many residents of Betley and to canvas the view of those living in the locality may seek to attest to the fact that they should be commended for their enterprise, sense of community and professionalism

Yours sincerely

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