

Re:- Planning application
SMD/2016/51

Churnet Hall
Cheddle Rd.
Fri. 19th Feb. 2016.

Together with extended family, we live at Churnet Hall on the same site as the Flint Mill and wish to express our strong objections to this plan.

1. It would be very inappropriate to insert 5 tall modern houses into a conservation area that is full of listed buildings. They would be very obtrusive visually.
2. The land is likely to be unstable for building on as there is a spring or well on the site which, to our knowledge, provides the water supply to 3 nearby properties. Also, in recent years, there has already been a land slip from that field into the canal requiring costly repairs.
3. Road access to the site would not be easy or safe due to the proximity of the brow of the hill. There is also a pedestrian crossing area with central bollards and also the busy bus stop. Even if the bus stop was moved as proposed - where could it be safely moved to?
4. As many of the buildings directly across the canal from the proposed site - including Churnet Hall - have been here since before the canal was opened in 1779, there is a very good chance that there would be archeological remains. This should be checked.
5. This whole area is a joy and a pleasure for the many hundreds of people who we see visiting it each year and it would be such a shame if one of things that they remember is "why on earth did they allow modern houses to be built adjacent to and overlooking such a wonderful historical site?"
6. We sincerely hope that this application does not succeed. No doubt some may think that we are objecting for "NIMBY" reasons and, yes, we don't want to be looking at modern houses across the canal - but we bought our home because we loved the site and its history. If this application is passed a beautiful historical area of Cheddleton will be spoiled and no amount of years passing will "blend" these houses into the surroundings.

Thanking you for your sympathetic consideration in this matter.

Mr & Mrs John Statham