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Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
Planning Department
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Dear Sirs

1st July 2016

I OBJECT

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**Re: Application Number SMD/2016/0378 – Laver Leisure
(Oakamoor) Limited – Moneystone Quarry, Cheadle Road,
Oakamoor, Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire**

I wish vehemently and in the strongest possible terms **TO OBJECT** to this application.

I am a long time Resident of the above address and have received Notice of the above Application by Laver Leisure (Oakamoor) Limited under the above reference number.

I am quite sure that many, many other Residents within the Oakamoor/Whiston area will be Objecting to this Application citing not only the grounds that I have mentioned herein but also other matters such as the gross invasion of a quiet, rural environment, disruption to wildlife, pollution noise and disturbance to local Residents and all other aspects of disturbance which would arise were this Application to succeed.

I and other members of my family have a substantive file of correspondence in connection with our previous vehement Objections to the proposed intentions of Laver Leisure (Oakamoor) Limited on numerous grounds.

I see no reason whatsoever why this present Application should not be dealt with in the same way as the previous Application which was rejected unanimously by the Planning Committee at Leek last year.

This present Application is in my opinion another ruse by Laver Leisure (Oakamoor) Limited to be granted Planning Permission in connection with their outline Application notwithstanding the fact that their original Application was rejected and has now gone to an Appeal.

This Application follows hard on the heels of an Appeal which has already been lodged by Laver Leisure (Oakamoor) Limited following the refusal of Planning Application SMD/2014/0682 the Application having been rejected in no uncertain terms by the Planning Committee at Leek at the end of last year.

Laver Leisure (Oakamoor) Limited are suggesting that this present Application, being an amended version of the 2014 Plan, addresses all the concerns of the Planning Committee of SMDC. It certainly does not and should be dealt with for what it is – a rather crude attempt to persuade the Planning Committee to grant this Application for the second time of asking notwithstanding the previous Application which was thrown out and which is now to be the subject of an Appeal. Nothing has altered. The inherent dangers will continue by way of increased traffic and this application must be Refused.

The Application, by virtue of its scale and nature is in conflict with the Core Strategy and Churnet Valley Masterplan that set in place measures to protect the Churnet Valley from excessive development.

I cannot for the life of me understand how the proposed Application, albeit slightly cosmetically altered would change the previous Applications which were rejected by one iota.

I have considered this present Application in some detail and apart from a few cosmetic alterations cannot see that the present Application in any way is different to that which was previously submitted to Leek and refused upon the basis of I believe 9/1 against.

I see no reason whatsoever arising from this present Application which would alter that view.

I understand that the original Application was described as “the poisoned chalice” which would “change the valley forever”.

The massive scale of 250 lodges would present a dominating anomalous intrusion in the Churnet Valley out of all proportion to nearby settlements of Whiston, Moneystone and Oakamoor.

Access to the proposed development site from the A52, including the junction is very narrow and in my opinion is not capable of taking the increase of traffic.

The narrow country lanes in the area of Oakamoor, Alton and Whiston are already inundated with traffic with especial reference to the use of the small carriage ways for the purposes of access to and egress from Alton Towers.

The prospect of increased traffic being allowed to infiltrate into a very, very narrow, rural road scene quite honestly appalls me and the prospect of danger being caused to life and limb by increased traffic fills me with abject horror.

The increase in traffic also puts a further acceptable strain on the local road network already existing with traffic to and from Alton Towers.

The intrusive scale of the proposals will intrude upon the open nature of the landscape.

The traffic situation will not alter. It will be as bad as it was last year when quite clearly, the Planning Committee took those Objections on board in refusing the Application unanimously.

Apparently, the new Application is still for 250 Lodges and apart as stated from the few cosmetic alterations to the Application, what is different to this Application from the one that was thrown out last year?

Laver Leisure (Oakamoor) Limited have attempted to approach the traffic issue by proposing certain signage. The single most contentious issue of the A52 junction with Whiston Eaves Lane however has not been amended as a result of which the present Application only accommodates minimal alleged "improvements" and as such, as previously stated, **I VEHEMENTLY OBJECT** to this Application as will I understand both CVCS and WAG.

I cannot for the life of me understand how the proposed Application, albeit slightly cosmetically altered would change the previous Applications which were rejected by one iota.

In these circumstances please consider all the grounds of Objection which I have raised in this letter and ensure that this Application is **REFUSED**.

Yours faithfully

BENNY JOHN