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Submission: Objection
Comments: We write in connection with the numerous above planning applications and wish to object. What is the Council thinking of, yet again, if the applications go through?

Our main objection is the access. Birchall Lane is, narrow. It has no street lighting or pavement. It is owned by the residents who maintain the grass verges to a very high standard.

Over the years the Council have approved several new properties on Birchall Lane. In particular the recent build at Westerdale which (should you care to come and see it) has absolutely ruined the outlook of Birchall Lane. The heavy vehicles delivering materials for new builds combined with the increased traffic from the new residents of the Lane has led to a considerable and rapid deterioration of the road surface. After such development ¿ no one comes forward to rectify the surface of the lane.

Young children were once able to play along the lane with ease ¿ this is not now the case as traffic speeds up the lane with little concern. Birchall Lane simply cannot take any more vehicles.

Furthermore, the proposed siting of the development is particularly ill-considered: it is on a property many residents of Leek would consider to be iconic for the area, and building here diminishes the area has a whole. Should the above planning applications go through ¿ Birchall Lane will take the appearance of an ordinary housing estate.