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Submission: Objection
Comments: Hi, very similar objections to the ones I have made about Chorley Mill, and in the past Slimma and Picton Street former Coop - the over development of dense areas of town cannot continue. This planning application does not fall in line with any housing developments mapped out in the local plan. How can we keep allowing the squeezing in of individual pockets of over development that may well stack up to the minimum size rules and other rules that mean it must be passed when actually in larger plan it does not fit. There is no need for any further flats of this nature in Leek with many like this either already passed and being built, passed and stagnant (Picton Street former coop for example deteriorating into an eyesore)or passed and built but under occupied. We have over development of tight spaces all over town. Many in the East end mills and now this. We have the Former Millward Hall, Picton Street Coop, Former Slimma site, Compton - I could go on. There is simply not a need for this type of development. The developer says there is a car park. Scant detail on how many spaces. We know most households have at least one car now. This development would affect town centre parking, parking for the health centre for old people particularly and I note that Fountain Street has been singled out for pay and display all adding to the mayhem. It is well known that parking within the streets of Leek is at breaking point. As you will recall from the Picton Street former coop planning meeting I am very passionate about the fact that we continue to squeeze residents in like ants, and this must stop now. Be brave and fight this one.

In summary - over development, no requirement for this amount and type of home, road safety issues in an already busy traffic area, lack of sufficient parking provision when cars will be necessary for occupants which is heightened by the lack of a decent public transport system for our commuter town. Please stop the degradation of our town by squeezing flats into every redundant building regardless of location. We need to be more imaginative somehow.