

Objection to Planning Application SMD/2020/0601

We have lived at 8, Battlesteads, Alton for nearly thirty years and during that time we have noted the increase in traffic passing by our house in both directions. During the Alton Towers season much of this traffic is Alton Towers employees and taxis taking people to Alton Towers. There is already one new development of three houses being built on Battlesteads that will see an increase in traffic of possibly up to six cars. Now I note that as well as a planning application **SMD/2019/0555** (Sept 2019) to build new dwellings in the field at the top of Cedar Hill, a further application to build at the Cedars Farm (opposite the field) has been received.

Clearly application **SMD/2019/0555** has become the thin end of the wedge for planning development on and around Cedar Hill and Battlesteads.

Only recently, SMDC have informed that application **SMD/2020/0601** has been submitted to build new dwellings on land at the rear of The Cedars Farm and Meadow View bungalow. This could see a potential further increase of another six cars making a total of eighteen more cars on a road not suitable for such traffic.

Many Alton residents compiled objection letters to application **SMD/2019/0555** in October/November 2019.

- If this proposal is approved, it will increase the traffic flow in and out of the village to absolute saturation point. Cheadle Road / Cedar Hill / Battlesteads is a narrow lane, it is classified as a C-road (C0065).
- As with previous planning applications there is again complete apathy and disregard for the many pedestrians that use this road. We all know there are no footpaths or pavements for pedestrians on Cedar Hill or Battlesteads, a total distance of 671 yards (614 m). As a family we often take our lives in our hands when we walk down into the village and back as we prefer to leave our own car at home, whenever possible, rather than increase the traffic.
- Increasing traffic flow on a narrow lane that does not have a pavement on either side, will elevate the risk factor to motorists and pedestrians, anyone using cycles, pushchairs or mobility scooters, residents, visitors and tourists, the young and the elderly, from highly dangerous to severely dangerous. When our children were young it was a difficult journey walking them to and from play group and St Peters First School because of the traffic, much of it travelling at excess speeds.
- If this proposal is approved, it will devastate the landscape and views from Toothill Lane. Toothill Wood and Toothill Rock is National Trust land.

We therefore object to this proposal in the strongest possible terms and urge SMDC to refuse this application .

Yours faithfully,

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