



411 Cheadle Road,
Cheddleton,
Leek,
Staffordshire.
ST13 7BH

20th April 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to Application Number SMD/2021/0155 at Cheddleton.

Within comparatively recent years, two access roads have been constructed on the eastern side of the very busy A520 in the Windy Arbour area of Cheddleton – one at map reference 967506 to service the nearby animal bi-products factory and the other at 967508 to serve a newly-built small housing estate. To have introduced such hazards on such a piece of road would appear to have been to establish unnecessary risks both for the local inhabitants as well as for through traffic. To consider the construction of yet another would appear to be foolhardy to say the least.

The choice of the rear of 403 Cheadle Road for one house and three houses in the pingle at the rear of 405, 407, 409 and 411 seems somewhat strange and unnecessary in view of the large amount of brown field sites available in the neighbourhood. To my knowledge, the small field concerned has always been known as “the pingle” which just means a small field. When my great grandfather, John Milner, inherited it in January 1870 he converted it into an orchard and a later owner, Mr. James Matthew Berresford, kept a few pigs in there in the 1950s who used to eat the apples. Several of the trees have been felled only in the last few years but it still remains as valuable grazing land and an abode for wildlife.

As well as having a general objection to all four houses as quite unnecessary and creating access hazard as proposed, I have a specific objection to the one proposed behind No. 411. It would appear that this is planned to be excessively close to the hedge boundary with No. 411 leading to a considerable lack of privacy for the occupants of both. The area in which it is located is quite large, and the position of the house itself could easily be moved back further away from the boundary. This would be of benefit to both properties.

In addition to these points, I would add that some of the current houses concerned have had problems with excess water in the surrounding land. It was decided some years ago that this problem originated in the former large pond which was situated at the back of the neighbouring area known as Pointon Park. I don't think that anything has ever been done to alleviate this.

Yours faithfully,