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Application Reference No. : SMD/2021/0210
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Submission: Objection Comments: I would like to raise my objection to the Planning Application Reference: SMD/2021/0210 - Outline Application for one residential building plot with new access onto Cheddleton Road and Birchall Lane.

My reasons for making this objection are as follows.

1. Loss of essential character to the entrance into Leek:
 - a. Greywoods reinforces the message that Leek is a prosperous town and an excellent place in which to invest and live
 - b. Consequently, it is imperative to maintain the status quo because even one property on this site will drastically change its character, refer below.
2. Over-development of the existing site
 - a. The revised drawings provide an obvious answer to the adverse comments from the first application by using the existing driveway, but this requires that the proposed dwelling is located close to the southern elevation of Greywoods itself. which will be visually detrimental to it.
 - b. In addition, the over-development will require the removal of many of the existing trees from behind the southern hedge during construction and probably compromise the retention of the hedge itself.
3. Reduction in traffic safety at a difficult junction
 - a. The addition of the proposed new entrance for Greywoods directly from Cheddleton Road will compromise safety in the area from Birchall Lane and the access road adjacent to Blackthorn House which provides access to two back-development bungalows.
 - b. Due to safety insecurity, some residents of Birchall Lane needing to drive north into Leek do not use the Birchall Lane/ Cheddleton Road exit, instead, they drive along Rivendell Lane and down Sandybrook Lan, the junction of which with Cheddleton Road allows more time to become aware of vehicles speeding over the hill from Leekbrook. Many cars and motorcycles arrive at the Birchall Lane junction at dangerous speeds, giving

very little time to avoid a collision.

c. Consequently it is imperative to maintain the status quo and not increase risk of collision.

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