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Dear Sir/Madam.

I am sending this e-mail to you, on behalf of the residents of Rochford Close, Leek, ST13 8JH, in response to your letter to us of 30 July 2021, about the Application Number SMD/2021/0501. I have attached 3 pages of signatures from those residents who are in agreement with the views expressed below. Please can I ask you to acknowledge receipt of this e-mail.

Anthony Mathewson, resident in Rochford Close

Dear Sir or Madam

We, the residents of Rochford Close, Leek would like to air our views on the proposed planning permission to 3 Rochford Close for placing a dwelling on the property. Application number SMD/2021/0501. Applicants name is Ms S Williams, proposed development, linked detached dwelling. Our reasons of concern are as follow,

1. **Congestion and parking.** We feel that the street is already congested with the vehicles of the residents who already reside here. The plans show that there is going to be 2 car parking places, which will reduce the spaces for parking for the residents. Most residents have more than one car and they have to park one on the drive and one on the road due to garages not been able to accommodate more modern cars, as they are very narrow.
2. **Safety.** The proposed house is on the corner and is a blind spot already to the traffic turning left, especially to numbers 18, 19 and 20, as they cannot see round the corner when they turn right to their properties. This has always been a safe street for children and grandchildren to play, so this will have a great impact, when the pavement will be utilised to access the property. A big risk to children who use that area to play.
3. **Disruption to the street.** We feel if the planning goes ahead there will be a huge disruption to all of the residents of Rochford Close, with construction vehicles coming in and out of Rochford Close, as it won't just be for weeks but for months and months,. Also the residents won't be able to get out of their drives because of the congestion. We have residents who do shift work and this will affect their sleeping patterns also we have university students studying from home and this will impact on their studies.
4. **Environmental effects.** Taking out the amount of soil on proposed development could dislodge the foundation of the road and cause havoc for the drainage, road, pavement and the hedge, which is the home to many local and migrant birds and insects especially bats. We demand a full ecological survey to be completed before the planning is even considered.
5. **The flood risk.** As the side of the proposed dwelling is on an embankment, a considerable amount of soil would have to be removed, which could cause unnecessary flooding to the properties below.
6. **Privacy.** This is also an invasion of privacy. When people initially purchased these houses, this estate was already established and most of the houses were not over looked.
7. As we already going through a pandemic and many people are suffering with mental health and anxiety, this is going to increase stress levels causing anxiety on the residents.

We hope that this development does not go ahead as we believe that people's mental health comes before financial gain (especially when the lady at no 3 does not even reside in the property and has not for number of years). If there had been room for another property on this land, surely it would have been placed there, when the houses were originally built. Surely not now, as it won't be in keeping with the properties on the street.

Yours faithfully,

The residents of Rochford Close