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Comments: This is a terrible proposal for a number of reasons:

1. This brownfield site should be used for housing development as an obvious way to increase local housing stock without touching green land. To this end, the previous planning approval for flats made optimum use of the space and should be pursued.
2. This is an old established part of Leek with much character derived from historic mill buildings. A modern drive-thru restaurant with bright lights and colourful signage would jar in these surroundings.
3. The site is too small and would inevitably lead to waiting cars backing onto the main road.
4. The neighbouring properties would suffer from light pollution and also from ongoing noise/ air pollution from idling vehicles.
5. What makes Leek so appealing as an unspoilt small market town is the lack of national fast food outlets and/or drive thru establishments that homogenise so many other places with less character. Long may this absence continue.
6. In a time of climate change emergency, the concept of drive thru restaurants is morally irresponsible given that they promote unnecessary car usage (often for very short journeys) rather than people walking to buy food.

7. Litter will inevitably become a problem both in the immediate vicinity and on the nearby country roads as users of the facility disregard their waste.

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