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Comments: I was very distressed to see the damage to the trees and hedgerows along the route of this extension to the current train line. It looks like no care has been taken to minimise damage and I thought the trees and hedges were protected from March to prevent disturbing nesting birds. Is anyone from SMDC monitoring the damage being done?

In terms of overall purpose for this work, it seems misleading to call this 'Reconnect Leek' when there are no plans to use this line to connect Leek to the mainline railway network - it appears to be a branch of the Churnet Valley Railway for pleasure trips. In terms of Net Zero ambitions, it seems to fail on every measure - fossil fuel powered trains?

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