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Application Reference No. : SMD/2022/0260 Site Address: 3 Rochford Close Leek Staffordshire ST13 8JH Leek Comments by: Mrs Kerry Probyn
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Submission: Objection
Comments: As somebody who lived in Rochford Close for 21 years and still continues to visit family there on a weekly basis, I strongly object to this application. The addition of another property onto the existing site would not be in keeping with the layout and characteristics of the properties already in the close. Most property owners in the close have multiple vehicles and do not have the garage or driveway space to accommodate these. Therefore there are already numerous vehicles parked on the highway on a regular basis. Moreover, most of the property owners also have regular visitors also resulting in additional parked vehicles on the highway. Not only would this proposal increase the number of vehicles driving and parking in the close through the residents and their own visitors, but also it aims to remove a section of available roadside parking in order to create access to a new driveway. I fail to see how this is fair on the current property owners who require this space. There is already a wide enough space at the front of the existing property to accommodate vehicles and again I fail to see why any new property should have the luxury of additional off road parking in this area that is detrimental to other residents. Furthermore, the proposed location of the new property has the potential to lead to cars parking on the bend coming round into the main stretch of the close. I have already witnessed vehicles parked here without the building of an additional property and it is highly dangerous. Road users cannot see any oncoming traffic or any other hazard around the corner. Also people struggle to use the pavement when walking because of the vehicles parked so far onto the pavement. Failing to build the proposed single property will not impact on local targets to increase housing and therefore I do not feel that is a suitable justification to support the application. To conclude, I strongly object to this planning application as it would be detrimental to the safety and well-being of current residents and it is not suitable aesthetically. Nothing has changed with the resubmission - by addressing the first point of refusal, the other grounds for refusal remain the same.

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