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I object to the proposed plan for a McDonald's drive through. This is on environmental and economic grounds. Idling cars reduce the air quality and particulate matter from exhausts will run off into the river Churner, decreasing the water quality. There will also be an increase in light pollution from the site. The increase in the volume of traffic would be noticeable, but not to the benefit of the town. In addition, I am concerned about the increase in litter in our local moorlands beauty spots. Sometimes I find McDonald's litter at the Roaches, despite the closest restaurant being 10 miles away. I believe that having a McDonald's in Leek would increase the risk of our local environment being spoiled. Tourism is such an important part of the local economy, increased litter in these places could become a significant detriment to our tourism economy. My final point is regarding the quality of the jobs that McDonald's would generate, these being zero hour contracts, which could trap locals in a low wage system, unable to afford to get on the bottom rung of the housing ladder.

Kind regards

Angela Goode

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