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Staffordshire ST13 8YQ Comments by: Victoria Hughes
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Submission: Objection

Comments: I have read some of the support comments with interest. This must be some kind of joke, right? Stick an American fast food chain in an historic market town in a rural area? What kind of tourism do people think this is going to attract to a pretty and attractive town surrounded by rural walks, and nature? Maybe local teenagers at most? People passing through who have no regard for the town?

One Councillor writes of the potential to reduce anti social behaviour. How? So he admits there is a problem but hopes it will be solved by a fast food chain? I can only see it moving the problem from one area of Leek to another. Not forgetting that dropping litter is anti social behaviour. Fast food chain litter is commonly found miles outside of the restaurant as the lazy consumers chuck it from their vehicles. The impact will be felt far and wide! I live in Team and believe me, we have the impact of litter from the MacDonalds located on the outskirts of Uttoxeter.

This is not about standing in the way of development. I would support anything with a positive business case whilst considering the local environment and health. I also strongly object to this application on the grounds of an increasing obese population. A fast food chain such as MacDonalds might bring limited employment opportunity but it will bring a further burden to an already stretched NHS with increasing health problems caused by poor nutrition and bad eating habits.

I would be interested to see the response to how the developers plan to combat the litter issue (and I mean a couple of miles outside of the planned site) and how the developers plan to counteract the obesity issue.

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