
From: planningcomments@staffs Moorlands.gov.uk
Sent: 22 August 2022 19:59
To: Planning Comments (SMDC)
Subject: Comment Received from Public Access

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Categories: McDonalds

Application Reference No. : SMD/2022/0361 Site Address: Churnet Works Abbey Green Road Leek Staffordshire
ST13 8YQ Comments by: Hazel
From:

Warrington Drive
Leek
Leek

Phone:
Email:
Submission: Objection
Comments: I object to this plan primarily on environmental grounds

We are in a climate emergency, SMDC themselves declared a climate emergency for the Moorlands. In its current form this plan does not offer anything to address climate matters.

There will be further negative impact on the environment due to the numerous short car journeys taking place to reach the store; where cars will continue to cause pollution by sitting idling in a drive thru queue. The prospect of jobs seems to be wildly exaggerated, and I understand the jobs are often zero hours contracts.

The litter plan seems entirely insufficient and should be covering a much wider area; there is already a problem with lots of McDonald's litter turning up in the moorlands despite the nearest store being miles away. The plan for the build itself seems to be missing any innovative green ideas that could be incorporated - building with sustainable materials, incorporating solar panels on the store and even the car park. Allowing any development that does not incorporate a full range of environmental measures will only continue to take the moorlands further from its attempts to work towards net zero. I also didn't notice any provision for electric vehicle charge points in the plan.

I note the ecology reports; which need to be far more detailed, should the plan go ahead, there will need to be extensive mitigation to ensure there is no damage to wildlife in the area; with an emphasis on any protected species such as bats - which seem to have been identified as being in the area, and badgers which may be in the area. The

close proximity of the river churnet needs to be given great consideration to avoid adding any further risk of pollution - our rivers are already hugely under threat countrywide, particularly due to recent sewage discharges. Also in close proximity is a nature park to the rear of sainsburys car park - how will Mcdonalds support the care of this area?

I think this development will be unpleasant for many people living near to it - increased traffic, exhaust fumes, light pollution, noise, smell. I believe it does not fit with the 'totally locally' ethos that has been hugely successful for the town and for local businesses. Whilst there are seen to be advantages to use of an out of town site, this will of course take people away from the town. There are already many independent take aways in the town - this development would therefore also have a negative impact on small businesses who are already likely to be facing difficulty due to the cost of living crisis. Judging by other McDonald's in the area, this site is likely to become plagued by anti social behaviour - bringing more negative impacts to those people living in close proximity.

Please carefully consider the proposal; and demand a fair deal for the moorlands and for nature

H. Ball

Do you really need to print out this Email? Be green - keep it on the screen.

This email is intended for the addressee(s) only and may contain sensitive, privileged or confidential information that could be protectively marked. If you are not the addressee please do not use the information in any way. If you have received this email in error please notify the sender immediately and delete it from your system. Thank you.

The Council may be required to disclose this email or any responses to it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The way in which we handle personal information is set out in our privacy notice and is available at <https://www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/YourData>
