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Comments: There are several concerns with this application.

1. There is no indication there will be electric vehicle charging points. All new McDonalds developments were supposed, by company policy to have EV charging. This would be a positive benefit as there is very little public charging in the Staffordshire Moorlands.
2. Smell mitigation can be fitted afterwards. Why not just fit it now as part of the new build. Retrofitting may never happen and if it does would require more costs.
3. Impact on the much-improved River Churnet and the nearby nature ponds due to noise, lighting and litter. Steps must be taken to protect the local environment and wildlife. McDonalds litter plan must cover this, and the bat friendly lighting in the ecology report must be implemented.
4. Litter & McDonalds produce 50% of fast-food litter in the UK (source & Keep Britain Tidy). I run regular litter picks in the Cheddleton area and McDonalds are already the single largest source of dropped litter in the roads around Cheddleton. A drive through in Leek would make this matter worse. The McDonalds litter plan seems wholly inadequate to deal with this problem. They state they will patrol local to the restaurant and if needed contact local authority street cleaning teams. Sadly, these teams do not cover the laybys and country roads in the surrounding area.
5. Drainage & plans for foul and surface water drainage have not been submitted. The possible impact of the car park and restaurant especially on run off and surface water drainage into the local environment should be known before works commence.

Cllr Ian Dakin

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