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Submission: Objection

Comments: I am strongly against the planning application for the following reasons:

1. The development encroaches into the woodlands where many species of bats and animals live. This mature woodland should be protected for both the wildlife and the visible impact the development has on the surrounding areas.

2. The proposed development will adversely affect the character of the countryside and does not respond sensitively to the distinctive qualities of the surrounding landscape, contrary to policies SS10 and DC3 of the Local Plan (2020) and the NPPF (2021).

3. Alton Towers should provide detailed drawings of the proposed development from key visual points within the village of Alton and popular surrounding walking routes. Insufficient information has been provided in respect of levels changes to fully assess the impact of the development on the character and appearance of the Open Countryside. This is contrary to policies DC1 and SS10 of the Local Plan (2020) and the NPPF (2021).

4. The economical benefits are over exaggerated and contradictory. There will be minimal job creation of seasonal low-paid work during a time where Alton Towers struggled to fulfill the current positions. Only from Buxton", who is in favour of the application, will benefit with his construction business. It could be considered that a scar on the landscape will deter other tourists who wish to enjoy the countryside, wildlife and peaceful environment.

5. Noise pollution from Alton Towers has continuously become worse over the years with added events. At times the noise is relative to a concert. The proximity of the development will only add to this. There are many unknowns about the development but what can be certain is the noise from the queue and speakers. Therefore, without further information on the envelopment we must assume a negative impact on noise pollution for local residents.

In these respects the development would be contrary to policies SS10, DC1 and DC3 of the Adopted Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan 2020 and the Design Guide 2018 for the area.

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