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Comments: I object to the planning application for Moneystone Quarry for the following reasons. These are;

1. The scale of the proposed development is incompatible with local amenities and access routes. I understand the phase 1 development of 190 lodges is now confined to one side of the road. This will mean hundreds of car journeys all exiting from one side on unsuitable and dangerous village roads. Worth noting that Farley Road from Oakamoor to Alton Towers is an accident blackspot with a series of traffic collisions this year (2023) - one of which closed the road.
2. The development will not encourage/enhance the natural environment due to the density of buildings now proposed. 190 lodges in Phase 1 packed into one side of the road will act as a barrier to nature. I dispute the the environmental statement that the impact will be 'negligible'. The sheer scale of groundwork planned, and the intensity of building will make the area of wasteland for nature.
3. I understand that the lodges are proposed to be offered for private ownership. This places much higher demands on utilities & local amenities. Private Airbnb investors will be attracted meaning more short-term letting with the associated traffic.
4. I question the statement the site will be generate 375 full & part time jobs & over a £1M PA in expenditure. With the move to private ownership & question marks about the Hub, I think these figures are wildly inaccurate and overstated.

In summary, both at the build & operational phases. the proposed Phase 1 & 2 development will cause irreparable harm to the natural environment. The scale is completely inappropriate to the local amenities available. On that basis, I strongly object to this planning application.

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