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Submission: Objection

Comments: I strongly object to development of this site.

Firstly, we have SSSI's in our Churnet Valley, variable water table levels and ground erosion would negatively change the environment of fauna and flora, which we need to preserve for future generations. Changing water table levels could potentially also increase the risk of collapses in the quarry 3, tsunamis have been predicted by both the developer's and SMDC's own experts. Lakeside, Lodges and waterside activities are at particular risk, already Reservoir dam in Quarry 3 is seeping and no longer has a overflow system safety system in place. The previous one being destroyed by the developer's contractors. The stability of the dam itself seems tentative given that the ground below dam is slipping. Climate change predictions are for the UK to have increasing levels of rain, which heightens the risks in coming years.

Secondly, looking from a personal Health and safety perspective, I would question the safety of using a deep 30 metre quarry for general leisure purposes. I am a Seasoned Coldwater swimmer, I am concerned that the public will not be aware of the risks of deep water and cold water shock, which can occur even in the warm summer months. There is also the risk of industrial pollution from Quarry 2 contaminating the Quarry 3 reservoir with water, which will increase risks associated, such as the seepage of harmful chemicals and water borne pathogens.

Thirdly, I question the need for further large accommodation in the Churnet Valley. We already have Alton Towers, the star campsite at Cotton, Ramsor, Consall Woods, Croxden, and Great Gate. This is small area of Staffordshire, I feel that the local infrastructure cannot accommodate a large increase in population, probably more so during the summer months. Also if there is a hiatus in the winter, this would potentially negatively affect the stability of the local job market.

Please consider all of the above points prior to a decision.

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