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Submission: Objection

Comments: I wish to oppose the Planning Application for 2 EV Charging Bays to be located in Wood Street, Leek

My general concerns are as follows:-

The swept path indicated in the drawings provided were shown using family saloon type car. Potentially a collision risk could occur if a vehicle attempts to exit the charging bays in reverse as indicated by the swept plan accompanying the planning application as vehicles are entering Wood Street from Ashbourne Road. This concern increases if larger vehicles exit making numerous attempts to exit, or any vehicle estimating incorrectly where the end of Wood Street is and reverses onto Ashbourne Road. The entrance to Wood Street is a single lane size only and enters Wood Street on a blind corner (Earl Grey pub) Congestion will occur on the very busy main Ashbourne Road if cars try to turn into Wood Street when cars are trying to reverse out of the bays.

Another concern for neighbouring properties is that if both bays are occupied then cars will wait outside properties waiting for a space. These properties have double yellow lines and dropped kerbs and waiting vehicles will block entrance and exit from these properties. There are residents cars parked and a disabled parking bay on the other side of the road so if a car tries to reverse back towards Ashbourne Road when a bay is available could cause an accident with incoming traffic into Wood Street. Waiting on Ashbourne Road for a bay will cause congestion on the main road, and restricted views for cars leaving Wood Street.

The images shown of Wood Street are not representative of today's volume of traffic. Some of these images are over 12 years old. Wood Street became a serious rat run at rush hour, mornings and evenings. It is particularly bad in the evenings. This happens because drivers try to avoid the delay at the traffic lights in the centre of town following the removal of the roundabout.

The pavement outside the entrance to the bays will be unusable to pedestrians and the opposite pavement by the Earl Grey is extremely narrow. This will cause problems for people using disability vehicles or pushing prams. It will also impact on the many cyclists, joggers, families and dog walkers who travel along Wood Street to access the Recreation Area at the bottom of Grosvenor Street, who wish to enjoy the fresh air and to run, play, relax and enjoy this pleasant area of Leek.

Not only is Wood Street a rat run, the movement and needs of the residents has changed with time. There is a considerable residential area surrounding Wood Street and subsequently a great deal of parcel delivery vans, supermarket vans, maintenance vans, furniture and removal vans as well as residential traffic. There will be total congestion with these vehicles trying to enter or exit Wood Street and not being able to as cars wanting to use the bays are doing the same.

It is stated that no waste collection facilities are being provided. People leave litter and unfortunately very few take it home. Is it going to be left to blow over Ashbourne Road and Wood Street?

The proposed development is in the revised Conservation Boundary of Leek as revised in 2013. Is there anything in the conservation area regarding this type of development, i.e would it require further in depth planning approval?

I am totally in favour of any way forward to prevent pollution, and EV points must be installed with in the timeframe planned. However on the junction of one of the main roads into the town centre and a single track street in a busy residential area with existing traffic problems is not the place for this development.

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