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Submission: Objection
Comments: Dear Officer and Cllrs of the planning committee,

I would like my objections noted to this planning application for a holiday lodge village at Moneystone. The application will be both to the detriment of local residents and also the planet, for the following reasons:

Sustainability

SMDC called a climate emergency. This application will be hugely unsustainable in times of climate change. Access to the site will only be via private vehicle and there are no plans to include electric charging points which should be compulsory for all large venues of any scale. There are also no green energy facilities that I can see that make this site sustainable.

The woodland is also at threat due to the development of the area, surely sustaining an existing woodland will create greater impact of carbon reduction than inadequate offsetting.

Access

Access to the site from Eaves Lane in Whiston is tricky at best, with traffic already heading to and from Alton Towers. With the volume of proposed vehicles entering this is only going to get worse, causing safety issues and potential risk to pedestrians and residents on foot in the area.

Equally access via Carr Bank, will equally be as dangerous for similar reasons. Although discouraged by 'signage', as we've seen on nearby Farley Lane and Wooton Lane, these signs have been ignored on mass and satnav followed down these routes causing major issues for residents.

Accommodation Stock

In the Churnet Valley, we have a large volume of visitor accommodation stock available of both independent small sites right up to large scale sites such as Alton Towers, Star Campsite, Ramsor Estate. Is this already at 100% occupancy?

Focus for SMDC should be in granting planning for smaller sites that will actually contribute to small local businesses, rather than keeping visitors on site for the entire duration of the stay.

I ask the committee to choose what's most sustainable for the Churnet Valley and its residents, over the rates that this site could contribute to SMDCs bottom line.

Thank you, Hayley

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