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Submission: Objection

Comments: The proposed development, particularly the access to the Methodist Church across the busy New Road, could pose a significant safety risk for families, especially those unfamiliar to the area. The existing traffic on New Road and influx of Alton Towers traffic could increase the likelihood of accidents. Even for those familiar with the area crossing the road can be a challenging task at times. This issue will only get worse with the proposed development and expansion of Alton Towers planned and in the future.

You then have to consider the traffic flow directed by Satnav up Malthouse Road. Vehicles need to turn 180 degrees to turn left onto New Road, with many drivers needing multiple attempts to manoeuvre around. This is not just small cars! You have larger vehicles and also large camper vans, vans, buses etc., all of which will aim directly at the entrance to the chapel as they try to manoeuvre.

It's crucial to note we already have a significant number of holiday lets in Alton village. This has led to a severe parking problem on Malthouse Road, and the addition of another holiday let in this location will only worsen the situation. The end of Malthouse Road, opposite the Methodist Church, already accommodates parking for existing holiday lets, not only for Malthouse Road, New Road, and the High Street but also overflow parking for The Bulls head and The White Hart pubs. I attend a lot of community groups like Bell Ringing and the running group and I always struggle to find a parking space most of the time this will only increase this putting at risk community groups.

I advocate for businesses moving into the Village that operate all year round, not just holiday lets that are mainly seasonal. Holiday lets are putting whole streets in darkness in the winter and significantly impact our local economy and community.

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