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Dear Sirs,

Re : OBJECTION TO PLANNING APPLICATION No. SMD/2014/0682
Moneystone Park

Ref: Transport Report concludes that the development is acceptable in Highway terms.

The number of traffic movements at peak times of 86 arrivals and 43 departures between 8am and 9am are bound to be concentrated towards the 9am timeline. This must constitute at least a tenfold increase in current usage.

Most of the current car trips are made by residents of Whiston who are largely leaving the village for work or school in a one way direction and are familiar with the safety requirements of leaving Whiston Eaves T junction. They take care to safely negotiate the fast approaching traffic in either direction on the A52 Ashbourne Road. Unaware visitors will be less conscious

The Laver NewsLetter states that this level is acceptable, yet it goes on to elaborate that it would have a "negligible" impact (not noticeable). In conclusion , would be minimal.

I cannot accept that such a statement can be acceptable. I OBJECT to such nonsense.

These large numbers of 2 way movements are way beyond what would be normally acceptable on a narrow country lane and if the Sneyds Arms Tee junction requires modification to make entry/exit more safe, it only confirms that such numbers are unsafe.

These statements together including the one saying this is the same route that the Quarry HGV's used to use, suggesting that this also makes the revised use quite acceptable. The Village successfully campaigned against the proposed large scale quarry expansion based largely on the existing increased lorry movements with further increases proposed.

This was a very dangerous narrow twisting country lane where trucks would take up most of the road width in sections. Many near misses were encountered, even when being very cautious. Since the quarry closure this has become a quiet country lane without such danger

Yours Faithfully


Stephen Lorimer