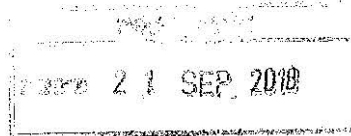


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Dear Sirs

**Staffordshire Moorland Local Plan Examination**

Thank you for your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> August.

As your records will indicate my particular interest is the proposed development on the Mount in Leek.

I would like to formally repeat my earlier comments but would also like to add the following comments at this stage:-

1. All of the questions posed are not impartial; they presume in favour of development and ask rhetorical questions as to why development should not take place. This is not impartial and must surely open the door to further appeals/uncertainty/judicial review.
2. What evidence is to be produced to satisfy the questions posed?
3. 3.3. If 3.1 is to be satisfied then surely the answer is that open space should be preserved.
4. 3.5 How can this be justified since that Leek High School is nowhere near at capacity?
5. How is the likely effect of BREXIT on the housing construction sector taken into account? During the financial crisis 10 years ago many developments were left half completed with subsequent disruption to all involved.

Please protect one of the last open spaces in Leek and do not give in to the greed of developers which will ruin the character of that side of town. Planning applications are a "game" where subsequent applications are made after the initial permission is granted so that the character of what is

eventually built bears not resemblance to what will no doubt be presented to you. If any element of permission is considered, this "creep" should be prevented by the robust withdrawal of permitted development rights and a policy of effective enforcement. It is no secret that developers openly flout planning conditions and local authorities don't take effective enforcement action due to lack of resources.

Yours faithfully

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