For the attention of Jane Colley,
Senior Planning Officer,
Planning Applications Department,
High Peak Borough Council.

I write with regard to Gladmans Planning Application HPK/2014/0119 - Linglongs Road, Land south of Macclesfield Road.

I am a lifelong resident of Whaley Bridge and accept that we should take a fair share of new housing provision. I am therefore not opposed to new development in our area per se, but my acceptance is conditional on the provision of sufficient and adequate infrastructure and resources to support the additional needs of the ever expanding local community. In recent years the majority of new homes in Whaley Bridge have been built on the Hockerley site, with smaller developments on Chapel Road and New Road. For a small rural town our contribution to housing provision has already been considerable, some might say it seems disproportionate!

I ask that you consider the following:

1. Primary Education Provision - At the Whaley Bridge Town Council meeting of 28th January 2014 HPBC staff told those present that the local education authority were not opposed to additional development in Whaley Bridge and the consequential increase in demand for school places. Senior Staff and Governors of our two local primary schools were present at this meeting and they said repeatedly that the schools were already oversubscribed and had <u>no spare capacity</u>. Our schools have a finite capacity and in my opinion the governing bodies and senior staff at these schools are well placed to know the exact situation; clearly it would be irresponsible for HPBC to not check on the 'real' facts behind these contradicting opinions!

I object to any new large development which results in pupils being taught in oversubscribed primary schools.

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2. Secondary Education Provision - The majority of children from the Whaley Bridge area receive their secondary education at Chapel En Le Frith High School. You will be aware that there have been several major new housing developments in and around Chapel En Le Frith, and some Chapel En Le Frith residents believe that these developments are likely to create an oversubscribed situation for this school. With access to 'recent birth' records, and details of pupils already in the local primary schools, forecasting the stress on this secondary school should be an easy task for HPBC. If pupils are to be in oversubscribed situation during their primary education it would be a travesty if they should then find themselves in oversized classes at secondary level.

I object to any new large development which results in pupils being taught in oversubscribed secondary schools.

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3. NHS Medical & Dental Provision - Whilst recently attending a NHS Dental Clinic in our area I overheard a conversation between a new resident and an NHS employee. He was asking about NHS dental provision for his family, and was told that there was a long waiting list and that it could be 18 months or more before his family would be accepted. In my opinion this is unacceptable, and (whilst I have no firm evidence to support my opinion) it possibly suggests that the NHS Medical provision is also likely to be stretched to capacity either now or in the near future.

I object to any new large development which results in a lack of sufficient medical and dental provision in the area.

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4. Waste water/sewage treatment - The sewage works for Whaley Bridge is at Bridgemont. As a lifelong resident of the Whaley Bridge area I know that for tens of years the houses on the main road through Bridgemont were blighted every summer by the stink of sewage. House prices in that area were depreciated as a result. In recent years the problem (presumably as a result of under-capacity) was resolved and the situation improved dramatically. Whilst talking to a resident of the area recently I was told that the problem is re-emerging; the resident believed this was possibly as a result of the additional processing requirements imposed on the system by additional new residents on the latest Hockerley developments. Allowing development of HPK/2014/0119 would clearly increase the stress on these facilities further.

I object to any new large development which results in a worsening of environmental conditions for residents of Whaley Bridge and surrounding areas.

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5. Traffic management, parking and safety – Many residents on Macclesfield Road have no off road parking facilities and as a result have no option but to park their vehicles on what is already a heavily congested and narrow road. Expensive damage to the parked cars is frequent, and many residents believe that it is only a matter of time before a fatal accident occurs in the area. It should be noted that many pupils of Taxal and Fernilee School walk along and/or cross Macclesfield Road twice daily. Approval of HPK/2014/0119 would obviously result in more vehicles using what has become a very dangerous road. Safety should be paramount!

I object to any new large development which increases the traffic load on Macclesfield Road, thus potentially increasing the frequency of accidents and risk to property and life.

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6. Emergency access in the locality – In an attempt to reduce the risks to people and property, some Macclesfield Road residents now park their cars on side roads such as Reddish Lane, Reddish Road and Park Road. For example - their vehicles often fill both sides of Reddish Road, and the congestion becomes serious on the narrower section near the school. In an emergency, the parked cars could prevent access by emergency vehicles to the school, houses and flats on Reddish Road, and additionally to many vulnerable and elderly residents in the Park Road area. In my opinion there is need for an independent traffic survey of Macclesfield and Linglongs Road and a review of parking conditions on Reddish Road and Park Road.

I object to any new large development which increases the traffic load on Macclesfield Road, thus resulting in increased congestive parking on side roads and decreased access for emergency vehicles to the people and premises on these roads.

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Yours

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