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Sending to this account as instructed by Jane Colley's out of office reply.

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Planning Reference: HPK/2014/0119 Valid Date 09/04/2014 Land off Linglongs Road

I am writing to lodge my objection to the above proposed development on the following grounds:-

1. The proposed entrance off Linglongs Road is situated outside the C9 boundary as shown in the Local Plan which is currently up for consultation.
2. Macclesfield Road is already congested at peak times as is the entire route from Horwich End traffic lights right through to the other side of Whaley Bridge. This will be made significantly worse by the extra traffic generated by such a development. Residents living on Macclesfield Road currently park their cars all down the left side as you look down from Linglongs Road junction. This in effect reduces the road to almost one lane in places.
3. The amenities within Whaley Bridge are already stretched. That is to say primary schools, GP Surgery and dentist.
4. Whaley Bridge Town Council acknowledges the acute lack of car parking in the town. The Station car park is almost always full as is the town car park to the rear of Canal Street.
5. The proposed site has the Midshires Way running through it and is used by many walkers who visit Whaley Bridge at the start of their route through the Goyt Valley and add to the economy of the town.
6. The land is also a natural sponge, soaking up water running off the hills above. In view of the fact that Horwich End and parts of the centre of Whaley Bridge have recently been designated as areas of Potential Flood Risk, along with the changing climate, I am concerned that removal of this natural "soak away" would have extremely worrying, damaging and expensive consequences for existing properties.
7. The green field proposed for development is close to the start of the Peak District National Park.
8. Houses on this site would be clearly visible from Eccles Pike and the surrounding countryside.
9. All the traffic from this site would join Macclesfield Road at the junction with Linglongs Road as there is no other proposed access for vehicles. Do Gladmans think they, by making the access on Linglongs Road, they would be avoiding this? If the site were to be approved access would be better situated directly on to Macclesfield Road. This would, at least, avoid the damage to what is presently a quiet country lane and somewhat lessen the impact of such a development on the immediate environment.

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