

As per other objections to HPK/2014/0119 Macclesfield Road/Linglongs Road, I feel angered that no matter how many of the local residents protest at such an inappropriate development that no one is listening at High Peak Borough Council! the system is stacked against the local population in favour of the developer and it is not a democratic process no matter how many times Dai Larna suggests it in the public meetings. So my thoughts echo those of everyone else objecting.

1. I do not agree with any development on site C9 Horwich End, I feel it is much better to develop at the Northern end of Whaley Bridge along the A6, as it is much easier to access main roads, trains and bus routes. New residents would also have access to more schools reducing the pressure on the two small schools in Whaley Bridge as there are very few or no available places.
2. 900 new houses approved in Chapel en le Frith will result in a large volume of extra traffic. This will ultimately impact on Horwich End traffic junction and Macclesfield Road. I believe that this has not been considered by any recent traffic surveys, developers or HPBC. Any new development will cause untold chaos and added danger to an already unsafe road. I walk this road every day and know the dangers that are present, every morning there are near misses, congestion and over the past year there have been many accidents near to the school. The congestion in Whaley Bridge has recently resulted in an ambulance unable to reach a patient in an emergency situation.
3. Parking is a problem for existing residents, increased traffic on Macclesfield Road would make it much worse and increase the likelihood of a serious traffic accident. Any proposed development should make provision for parking for existing residents at the rear of their properties.
4. The area is widely used by the local community for dog walking, playing, the schools use the area for nature trails, families go sledging, it is known well known as the gateway to The Goyt.
5. Whaley Bridge has recently been classified as a high risk flood area, there is an environment agency officer based here in Whaley Bridge to form a flood plan such is the concern there is significant risk to property and life. Any proposed development would greatly increase the amount of water entering the river Goyt, increasing the risk of flooding downstream. In the last few weeks the environment minister has said that to prevent downstream flooding more should be done to retain the water in the hills and upland areas and that wetland meadows should be preserved.
6. 107 "Barratt" style houses are not acceptable and are not required in this area. Whaley Bridge is much more suited to smaller developments. There are quite a few small brownfield sites which would benefit from development and would not have an immediate impact on the schools, Doctors and basic infrastructure. If there is to be any development, it must be a flagship development, one that Whaley Bridge can be proud of, with innovative design, family sized homes aimed at what is needed in the area, affordable, environmental, carbon zero, energy efficient, that blend into the landscape and reflect its beauty.
7. And finally any new building work will not contribute to the local economy or provide local employment in any way as the new houses being constructed at Chapel en le Frith are being built by workers from Rochdale who are bused in everyday.
8. Any development by a national house builder will not address the apparent housing crisis, all the properties planned will be vulgar overpriced executive homes, the housing crisis should be addressed by building affordable homes near to areas where there is employment and not in rural communities.

It is a totally ridiculous proposal based on speculative developers wanting to make profit at the expense of the local community.

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