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Dear Mr Haywood

I'm clearing out some files on my laptop and came across the letter I sent to Persimmon in response to its consultation document and thought, while it doesn't have any direct bearing on its application, you might be interested in some of the general information about Harpur Hill that I put in it.

Regards

Lionel Buteux

Naming of new roads

In the 1960s the High Peak College moved its campus from Buxton town to the RAF site in Harpur Hill village when the RAF moved out and its buildings, land and housing were sold off (see section "Harpur Hill village" below).

With:

- 2018 being the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Royal Air Force;*
- the proposed new housing to be built on what was a key section of an RAF estate;*
- nearby roads already being named in honour of famous air force personnel (Harris, Tedder, Nettleton, Trenchard);*

it would seem fitting that new roads in the development be named after respected RAF personnel / places / aircraft rather than having names "themed" in a less connected way and hope that it will prove possible to do this.

Harpur Hill village

To the best of my knowledge, the village came into being 150 to 200 years ago consequent on the opening up of a quarry, now known as Hoffman quarry, which, together with its spoil heap, stands overlooking the south / south west side of the village. The quarry has long been closed. The village is centred round the old quarrymen's cottages along Burlow Road and Grinlow Road. Apart from the establishment of an RAF estate on Burlow Farm land in the late 1940s / early 1950s, housing development in the village over the past century has been of the nature of a few dwellings added here and there as time went on until the village reached its current size. The RAF estate, which was established to service the very substantial bomb dumps nearby, was sold off in the 1960s, the RAF administrative buildings and their environs becoming the High Peak College campus. The RAF housing for its service personnel was also sold off, this being on Harris

Road, Tedder Avenue, Nettleton Lane and Trenchard Drive.

The Parks Inn on the corner of Burlow Road and Grinlow Road goes back many years, it owning land opposite it on Burlow Road (now a small children's playground) which was used, I am told, to hold animals being driven to market while the drovers quenched their thirst at the pub. St. James church, across from the pub, was built around 1911 with local subscriptions. The grade II listed war memorial on Burlow Road opposite the Methodist chapel was erected by quarrymen to commemorate villagers and workers who died in the First World War. Until several years ago there was an excellent crown bowls green next to the war memorial.

The weather in Harpur Hill village

The village is situated at approx. 1200 feet (370 metres) above sea level with temperatures in the summer normally 3 °C below those in Greater Manchester and 3 °C to 5 °C lower in winter (it can be bleak here at that time of year). It has a growing season cooler, wetter and about six weeks shorter than found in Cheshire. The weather in the village is rarely if ever better than it is in Buxton town and often, from October to March, worse. This, presumably, is because the village is more exposed than Buxton town to prevailing winds and weather and "in direct line of fire" of Axe Edge moor to its west. Persimmon may wish to take account of this with regard to the planning of building work and which building materials it is best to use etc.

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