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Comments: I feel really positive that this is a car-free development; these are exactly the types of homes we need in urban areas.

Transport Statement says that there is local cycling infrastructure close by in the form of the Pennine Cycleway, however this is NOT cycle infrastructure (at least no more than any other road is). There are not even any painted cycle lanes on the route, and it's not covered by any other traffic calming - let alone it having what most would consider cycle infrastructure in the form of protected cycleways. Basically it is a route on paper and nothing else. It would however be good to see this route upgraded as a result of more car-free housing developments.

Good to see secure cycle parking, although two tiered stands are often not accessible to people who cannot lift their bike onto the rack; even though the top racks slide and hinge down, there is a substantial incline to lift the bike onto. This becomes even harder (and sometimes near impossible) with a heavy eBike. It should be noted that for people using cycles as transport locally, eBikes are very popular and to be encouraged because it makes a hilly area like Buxton accessible to more people and more transport scenarios (i.e. not turning up to your destination too hot and sweaty).

Whilst 1 cycle space per residence is the council standard, if every home were to be car free and use bikes, it would not be enough for apartments accommodating two or more people

It would be very positive to see the plans amended to also provide parking for non-standard cycles such as hand cycles, tricycles, and family cargo bikes. A couple of basic, well spaced and concreted in Sheffield Stands would accommodate these - providing they are also in a secure area. Note there are already users of tricycles and cargo bikes in the town.

I would disagree, as many others might, that Existing parking restrictions on the local road network are well observed. There are often cars parked in the restricted area on Station Approach - especially where they block disabled access via the bollards in the cross hatched area. Since parking enforcement is quite poor in Buxton, if possible it might be useful if the covenant for residents included a financial penalty for parking contravention or a penalty on their lease.

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