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Dear Sir/Madam

"No, no, no," to yet another development in Glossop for a multiplicity of reasons which I outline below.

1. A development branching off from Dinting Vale will require either traffic lights or another mini- roundabout, within a very short space of the existing two mini roundabouts, a school pelican crossing and a set of traffic light at the bottom of Glossop Road. This will definitely cause further congestion misery. At 09:00 and 15:30 Dinting Vale is already virtually impassable with the pelican crossing in continual use due to school hours, traffic lights, roundabouts and parked vehicles. Frequently, throughout the day, there is a queue to travel into Glossop and this often extends beyond Dinting Vale School. The queue then extends beyond the two mini-roundabouts at Simmondley Lane and Primrose Lane all the way into Glossop town centre. It is a traffic nightmare and if approved you will add yet more traffic misery for residents.

2. Public transport is frequently delayed and is therefore unreliable. Bus providers have attempted to pull buses from the route which takes in Tintwistle, Hadfield and Hollingworth because they cannot plan an effective timetable as buses are stood for so long in lengthy queues. So, as opposed to using unreliable public transport, more and more people are choosing to sit in cars queueing. The trains are already crammed full by the time they reach Hattersley with the potential for yet more people attempting to leave Glossop in peak hours. How green is this transport strategy, where people are forced to use their cars?

3. People travel from outlying areas (Tintwistle, Hadfield, Padfield, Mottram, Broadbottom, Hollingworth, etc) to Glossop town centre for shopping, banking, leisure facilities, dentists & doctors. People depend on the routes into Glossop being effective but roads are often completely gridlocked especially at peak times and also when all too frequently roads have to be dug up - for whatever reason. Appointment times are frequently missed because you cannot rely on public transport, or even getting there using your own car. The transport network is creaking and groaning under the sheer volume of traffic attempting to move in and out of Glossop and now we can expect even more if this planning is approved. I often use rat-runs to try to avoid queues so instead of a simple straight route home from Hollingworth, I travel through Hadfield housing areas, along Dinting Road and Talbot Road, down Norfolk Street, up Victoria Street and Charlestown Road, right into Turnlee Road, and left onto Simmondley New Road. All this circumventing to travel from Hollingworth to my home on Simmondley. It's crazy!

5. The doctors, dentist and schools are presently unable to meet the demands from residents. I was recently unable to register at the doctor's surgery on Simmondley because it had reached capacity. The recently constructed Glossopdale school has already been extended to meet the demand of numbers. One must also consider emergency services and the access problems they already encounter going to and from Glossop, potentially placing lives at risk.

4. Some tradespeople now refuse to take work in Glossop because the travel into Glossop is so horrendous. I needed house repairs and have been refused by tradespeople once I've given my address. The reason offered is , "We don't travel to Glossop." When I finally did manage to get a joiner he said the traffic was a nightmare and he wouldn't be coming to Glossop again.

5. Glossop is advertised as the "Gateway to the Peaks". I'm all for generating the local economy and tourism is a great way to achieve this. A good example of these services are the Travelodge hotel and restaurants, which provide jobs for local people. However, the downside to this tourism is that it generates more traffic particularly during holiday periods and weekends. I queue regularly from New Shaw Lane to the bottom of Simmondley Lane, where I turn right at the mini-roundabout to head home. As explained above, I often use rat-runs to avoid

the queue. So, additional permanent traffic from a housing development just off Dinting Vale, I find wholly unacceptable. Building 94 homes and 6 flats is just adding to what is already a miserable gridlock situation, which incidentally a spur road will not help as it will not reduce the number of vehicles travelling into or out of Glossop. Furthermore, there is already a significant development on Glossop Road which will factor in yet more traffic misery on Dinting Vale. Finally, to the best of my knowledge, none of this development will be affordable housing for young people so not even that can be used as a justifiable reason for inflicting yet more traffic misery on Glossop residents.

6. Recent building developments in and around Glossop include:

Glossop Road - Gamesley
North Road
Old Glossop
Chunal
Dinting Road
Brookfield

How much more can the local infrastructure take before it collapses?

This development is wholly inappropriate for the geography of Glossop. I am of the opinion that there should be no further housing developments in Glossop. The infrastructure cannot withstand this or any future developments as things are. I travel to Hollingworth and back on a daily basis. A journey, which late at night, takes 8 minutes to travel less than 3 miles. However, during the day the same journey regularly, without fail, takes half an hour and often longer. Spending so much time in standing traffic is adding massively to environmental pollution. This journey is set to worsen when all the traffic spews onto Brookfield from a new spur road which will do nothing to lessen the volume of traffic going in and out of Glossop. In fact, it may worsen if it provides a faster route to the Snake Pass, in preference to the Woodhead Pass.

Yours faithfully,

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