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Submission: Objection

Comments: The proposal occupies a key position in the town's already appalling traffic flow. Adding more traffic and junctions will cause even more congestion, annoying road users and pedestrians alike. I note that many of those on foot are travelling to and from local schools, so we will be exposing children to ever worse air quality and more dangerous traffic. This is just about the worst spot in Glossop to add more cars and junctions.

The town is already struggling to provide sufficient places at schools, doctors' and other amenities. I am not against building new homes, but they have to be in the right place with the appropriate supporting infrastructure. Glossop's infrastructure is well beyond breaking point, yet the houses keep on coming. If this application is approved, it must be linked to significant infrastructure upgrades.

The parcel of land being built on is a small haven of land for nature. I realise we are surrounded by national park, but that cannot be used to excuse protecting smaller areas. The ecologist's summary contains some unusual features: an eDNA survey requires watercourses to sample, but this summer was notoriously dry so of course the area was not wet enough. The common newts we often see in our garden were notably absent in the dry summer, but returned with the rain. Therefore, I don't think the report should be interpreted as evidence that Great Crested Newts are not on the site. It feels like bad practice to conduct this kind of survey in the middle of a drought, so I contend that this survey needs repeating.

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