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Site Address: Land to the west of Bridgemont Whaley Bridge Derbyshire SK23 7PB

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Comments: I write in connection with the latest planning application ref 2023/0061 re land at Bridgemont.

When I moved to this area, almost 50 years ago, Whaley Bridge was a distinct and recognisable community. There was no Tesco, no B & M, no huge developments off

Macclesfield Road, no large developments off Whaley Lane, no by-pass. Bridgemont was a distinct and recognisable community, separate from both Whaley and Furness Vale.

Since moving here, all of the aforementioned developments have taken place along with numerous others, of course. Over the course of the last couple of decades or so, the phrase 'affordable housing' has crept in, although without any clear definition as far as I know and, almost invariably, the vast majority of the housing that has been built would defy this definition.

Certain areas have long been identified as special green areas, some of which have helped maintain the separateness of the communities in question. The question now to be asked is "what is the point of designating such areas as special and green if they are to be abandoned on the outline promise of affordable housing"? If they were special when designated, why are they no longer special and worth keeping? Indeed, the significance of such green and special areas is surely inversely proportional to the developments taking place elsewhere. Surely, it is the job of the planners to protect such areas?

I hope the planning authorities will not be persuaded by the spurious arguments about affordable housing and will reject this application once and for all. Were it allowed to go ahead, not only would it mean a further loss of green areas but would become the most dominant feature in Bridgemont.

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