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Comments: Subject: Objection to Planning Application Ref: HPK/2023/0192 - Proposed Construction of 116 New Homes in Buxton

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my deep concern and strong objection to the proposed planning application submitted by Barrett Homes for the construction of 116 new homes in Buxton, as referenced by HPK/2023/0192. While I appreciate the need for housing development, I firmly believe that this particular project poses an unacceptable threat to the safety and well-being of the current residents, particularly those residing downstream of the development in flood risk zone 3.

The primary issue at hand is the significant increase in flood risk that the proposed development would impose upon the already vulnerable residents in the area. It is essential to consider the history of flood events in Buxton, with notable instances occurring in 2019 and 1998. These events resulted in severe damage to properties, loss of personal belongings, and immense emotional distress for the affected individuals. The scars from these traumatic experiences are still fresh in the memories of those who endured them.

Given the existing high flood risk status of the area, it is crucial for the council to exercise extreme caution and prioritize the safety of the local residents. The introduction of an extensive housing development, such as the one proposed by Barrett Homes, will undoubtedly exacerbate the already critical situation. The additional pressure on the local drainage system, as well as the alteration of natural water flows, would significantly heighten the likelihood of future flooding incidents.

Furthermore, I must emphasize the potential long-term consequences of allowing this development to proceed without adequate flood mitigation measures. Aside from the immediate dangers posed to human lives and property, the environmental impact cannot be ignored. Flooding can lead to contamination of water sources, loss of wildlife habitats, and destruction of delicate ecosystems. It is imperative that we prioritize the preservation of our natural environment and ensure responsible planning and development practices.

In light of the aforementioned concerns, I would ask that High Peak Borough Council re-evaluate the proposed planning application and take the necessary steps to protect the current residents from an increased flood risk. I respectfully request that the council engage in thorough discussions with relevant experts, such as hydrologists and environmental consultants, to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the potential consequences of this development on the flood-prone area. High Peak Borough Council must also consult with the occupants of those properties that were flooded in the past.

Moreover, I urge the council to explore alternative locations for housing development that do not pose a direct threat to the safety and well-being of residents living in flood risk zone 3. By doing so, we can strike a balance between addressing the housing needs of the community and safeguarding the lives and properties of the existing residents.

I trust that the High Peak Borough Council will give due consideration to the concerns expressed in this letter and act in the best interests of the local community. Your commitment to upholding the principles of responsible and sustainable development is of utmost importance to the long-term welfare of Buxton and its residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Fussell

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