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Glossop

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Submission: Objection

Comments: I object to this application for several reasons, some of which come from personal experience. I understand that the council get the majority of their funding from houses and residential areas, but would the committee consider using the space in support of the "Kings Woodland Plan" which focusses on biodiversity, community engagement and the creation of sustainable, accessible and valuable woodland spaces?

Glossopdale site is within a small urban area, it has trees left in situ with a small wetland/pond area near the bottom of the site created naturally once the buildings were taken down. It is too late to apply for a grant from the Coronation Living Heritage Fund or the Nature for Climate fund however, planting trees and encouraging both pond life and wildlife it is something I would like the council to consider. An introduction of a micro forest will improve the appearance of the area, it will help protect homes from adverse weather conditions by improving the soil quality. It will also help create an easily accessible, shared and safe space for the town and community to enjoy.

My family and I moved to Glossop 5 years ago, into a new build and we still experience the after affects. The quality and workmanship go into the house building with no consideration for the garden or drainage, this encourages people to lay artificial grass or block paving due to poor soil quality. Having artificial grass, block paving or concrete driveways inevitably increases the flooding risk which we know is already a huge issue in Glossop. The water has nowhere to go and therefore the council has to invest more money into sorting it out, but it doesn't get sorted because people keep adding to the problem due to new builds and poor-quality gardens.

Traffic is already an issue in Glossop and adding up to 110 new dwellings will no doubt increase this issue as the average is 3 cars per household, so you are looking at over 300 more cars/vehicles into an area with limited access (that doesn't include the vehicles belonging to new builds currently under construction). Glossop sits in a bowl which means both the pollution and noise levels will increase. ASB and vandalism will most likely increase along with the flooding/drainage issues. It is difficult enough getting out of Glossop now let alone adding another 300 more cars. As humans we are killing the planet with pollution and destroying the natural environment.

The Council should consider using the Glossopdale site as an alternative healthy space to encourage the quality of life for the residents that already live in Glossop. It would help those that are vulnerable, have mobility, neurodiversity issues or those that just struggle to access and appreciate nature by getting up onto the hills which is incredibly important for a person's health and mental wellbeing. People would be able to reconnect

with nature nearer to home. It would also help reverse habitat decline. I believe the residents of Glossop would feel more positive and prouder that their council has considered them, their health, the environment and their quality of life before profits.

Glossopdale site has already started giving itself back to nature by creating its own ecosystem including pondlife and wildlife without any human involvement and that must be encouraged by adding flora and fauna to the site. If the council do not agree with this idea then I would much rather see the Glossopdale site be used to create areas for children to explore and play, areas of meadows, benches, small assault course or climbing walls for example along with an open area saved for an outdoor cinema or a small hub/warm space for indoor and outdoor soft play areas instead of encouraging people to bring pollution, increase flooding, increase ASB and vandalism. Nature will always win.

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