

## STATEMENT OF HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCILLOR DOM ELLIOTT-STARKEY

This proposed development on Adderley fields could be disastrous and should not be accepted. When you look at the proposal, this development would bring zero benefit to local people and in fact make their lives worse.

My first point I want to raise is on the basis of biodiversity, no amount of money would reverse the damaging effects of this proposed development. This is a crucial area with an abundance of wildlife including deer, and last time I checked deer don't accept cash to move to new area. This is a beautiful piece of land which offers local people a green space to admire. We all know the links between mental wellbeing and the outdoors, removing this area in our community would make it harder for local people to benefit from the great outdoor spaces we have, resulting in many needing to get in a car to benefit from our outdoor spaces.

In addition, the air quality in this area is appalling and something I am working with my neighbours and the council to reduce. Please kindly enlighten us how adding 92 cars, at the very least, in this area will improve the air quality and not negatively impact our carbon footprint? In short are you happy for existing residents to develop illnesses due to daily inhalation of fumes? I am sure the appellant will have a number of studies to try and defend the indefensible, however these are not credible due to the Appellant conducting the studies and therefore can influence the findings through the process. In reality, I urge you to walk down Dinting Vale, see the black soot from care fumes on the windows of residents houses and the local school. Children should not be expected to attend education only to develop long term illnesses. I am sure the appellant may argue the air quality won't decrease substantially as a result, respectfully I ask them to pull the other one. This isn't just numbers on a paper this is people's health and wellbeing, and we should never put financial gain above health.

Furthermore, if you review the site access it is absolutely ludicrous. One road which comes out directly onto a main road which often sits at a complete standstill opposite a primary school. If we think of this in practice, again not some numbers on a sheet, how can this genuinely work. It will not. The risk to young people walking to school should be enough to reject this application. Regarding the access road, there is no provision for a sufficient footpath, how can this safely encourage sustainable travel?

This is about real people and real lives and the catastrophic impact this will have on our community. We do not have the local infrastructure to handle any further homes our health services are already stretched to capacity, we have insufficient local dental provision, and we don't have the road capacity for cars. I am sure if you are driving back through Glossop after this meeting you will see exactly what I am referring to. Wain Homes will dress this up with all sorts of statistics and studies but surely the best study is a lived-experience study, many residents, only a fraction here today, genuinely fear the approval of this application. To summarise due to this applicant's obsession to build on this land existing local residents will suffer by green space

gone, air quality gone, biodiversity gone, traffic up, long term illnesses up all as a direct consequence.

So finally, I urge the planning inspectorate to understand this application cannot be approved as it would damage our local community. For anyone who sees the site can so clearly see this just doesn't make sense. If this is approved the builder and every single person who facilitated this development will have the guilt of destroying a community and irreversibly eradicating our diverse wildlife. "

Yours Sincerely,

Dom Elliott- Starkey

Councillor for Dinting Ward