

Statement opposing the Wain Homes Development for 92 houses at Dinting Vale (Adderley Fields)

This was read on my behalf by Mr Phil Miskell

I would like to speak about two points today.

1. Nature Recovery Declaration HPBC 2024

This document outlines the council's pledge to work 'Bigger, Better, More Joined Up' to help reverse the nature crisis. In fact, it states that we need urgent action in order to do this. Adderley Fields are crammed with biodiversity, it is a green space full of wildlife, it does not need improving in the form of adding 92 houses. It has a high BNG value, one which the council's own expert says cannot be mitigated for and that this development would cause more harm than benefit. It is a space for local people who can walk to it easily, from Simmondley and the surrounding areas, without the need to travel in a car. It has, as the declaration states, 'The right tree, in the right place.' The temporary TPO in place surely indicates the value of this space and the woodland within it. How then does this development fit with HPBC's promise to tackle the nature crisis? It doesn't in fact flies in the face of the four key principles set out by the declaration, which are as follows...

- There must be more space given for wildlife.
- Existing wild spaces must be improved (from this I infer – not destroyed)
- Existing wild spaces must be expanded
- The connectivity between wildlife spaces must be increased – Adderley Fields is a wildlife corridor, it connects the woodland of Gamesley to other woodland in Dinting Vale. Wildlife not only use it as their home, but to forge and to travel safely to other places.

This development will create a dramatic change to the landscape and cannot be replicated in Chinley.

2. Affordable housing.

My son, Conor is 31. He rents a house in Glossop with his family. He would like his own house in Glossop, he would like to stay here, he has lived here all of his life. His extended family are here and he would like his daughter to grow up and go to school here.

He cannot afford to buy a house built by Wain Homes. There is a lack of affordable housing in Glossop. This development is not being built for the good of people like Conor, these houses are being built purely to make money for the developer, Simmondley commands high prices for houses, so why build here if not to line the pockets of developers like Wain Homes? They are not going to serve the community of Glossop,

In conclusion, taking into account both of these points, it must be obvious that the developer needs to look for more viable sites (of which there are in Glossop), ones which allow for affordable housing and ones where the destruction of valuable wild spaces can be avoided.

Thank you,

Sarah Bott, Resident.