

Statement by Emma Kane on 20 June 2024

I have lived in Simmondley and Glossop for around 15 years and I am a member of Glossopdale Action for Sustainable Travel (GAST) and I walk, ride and drive around the Glossop area. Given this experience this is my statement about this development proposed by Wain Homes.

I have reviewed the travel plan submitted for the development of Adderley Place and feel strongly that this is in no way a sufficient way to address the additional traffic chaos that this potential housing development will cause.

The travel plans and housing maps seems to suggest there will be a cycle route/shared with a pathway on the estate but this will not be enough to allow residents to cycle and alleviate the issues that this new development will exacerbate. There also seems to be the suggestion that cycle storage on site and sending residents links to how travel sustainable will be enough to persuade residents not to just use their cars. I suggest these plans do not go anywhere near in the ball park of making real effort to allow residents to make a choice for sustainable travel.

This cycle/walkway proposed on the housing development is only on the estate so as soon as these residents try to get out off the estate to actually cycle or even walk somewhere they will be met with aggressive traffic on the A57 and Simmondley lane and 2 very dangerous roundabouts if they are going to Glossop. For a cyclist who is wanting to exit the potential estate and turn right I don't see how they will safely get over to the other side to even join the traffic if its during peak times. The A57 and the lead up to both roundabouts are already very awkward for cyclists currently, they have to push themselves in front of cars to get into position for the roundabout as many cars want to overtake in the lead up and you can't get the space back it's such a narrow road. This development proposed will cause more traffic than there is now so how can a cycleway on the estate be helpful to actually travelling sustainable if they can't get out of the estate safely. The Zion church development isn't even finished yet so this will be 100 extra houses in that tight space at the bottom of Simmondley Lane and the A57 as there will be on average 2 cars each household so 200 extra cars. The roundabouts are a major hindrance inf their current set up for sustainable travel and this development will make this worse.

There seems to be no mention in the plans about how the entrance to this development will be made safe for pedestrians or cyclists either. How much visibility will there be at the entrance and how can a cyclist cross over a car also coming out the estate is there even a bike box on the tarmac there is no mention of this. Is there also an issue with the bus stop and visibility. The developer and the council should have spoken to sustainable travel staff who have been looking on this area at the travel issues and have aligned their plans with feasibility studies. AECOM for example had looked at this roundabout in their feasibility study and suggested more visibility and build outs of pavement and crossings but there is no money to make this happen. These plans or sustainable travel experts should have been consulted to how this development could have been made sustainable travel in mind to see what would actually work not just a tick box travel plan. This suggests that thorough research on how to implement safe travel around this estate has not really been addressed.

Goven the above I therefore suggest that this development should not be approved without significant infrastructure along this area of the A57 and around the roundabouts, at the bottom of Simmondley Lane and to the entrance of the estate.

I also feel that the NO2 levels at School will also be exacerbated at key times in the days when kids are walking to school with this development. I can't understand the argument that this

Wain Homes is determined from their cut of the figures that this is negligible. If the figures are so negligible why has this area been pointed out as a pollution hot spot by the council and is being continually monitored. This is without a doubt the school in the area experiencing the most pollution in the whole of the Glossopdale area so why would we allow more cars to be added to this area by this development, I cannot understand this reasoning, and this is not fair for the children who will attend this school.

I also don't see how this development should be allowed if they also do not even offer anywhere near the quota on affordable housing as they say it will cost too much. If they can't make their quota and it costs too much for them then they shouldn't build to my mind. If this is not according to the regulations, then I suggest the regulations are wrong. It seems to me that if we allow every housing developer is allowed to not make the quota on affordable housing then the country will never make this quota and there will never be enough affordable housing for people. I feel that by approving this development this will add to the issues up and down the country that green spaces are being removed but affordable housing will never be achieved so it makes the problem even worse and actually means more green spaces will be removed as this one didn't make any significant contribution to this but was allowed anyway. It seems to me that if Wain Homes will not build affordable housing even near the quota they should not build here.

I feel sad that I might not be able to walk along this path along the field we call swamp field with my son and dog and that it could be filled with so many houses and cars and more traffic here and this green space will be lost.

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