

In response to your request for local residents to share their views on Persimmon Homes North West's proposals to develop an area east of Windlehurst Road, High Lane, Stockport, the Transport Group of Marple Civic Society would want to see the following, should the proposals proceed to a planning application:

1. The footpath along Windlehurst Road is narrow in places (partly due to overgrown hedges, verges and parked cars) and it also swaps sides. We think an improved footpath along the Windlehurst Road edge of the site, giving better access to bus stops and with appropriate pedestrian/cycle crossings is a must.
2. To encourage travel by public transport, improved road access for buses on to or close to the development should be provided. In addition, the existing 394 bus service should be integrated into the Bee Network with all the through ticketing and on-line information facilities that this provides. A service review should be undertaken to provide a minimum hourly (preferably half-hourly), 6 days/week service. We acknowledge the 394 changes may not be possible as developer-funded improvements but should happen in tandem with any development approvals.
3. To enable active travel links to existing regular sustainable transport infrastructure and allow Marple Hall School children and Marple College students safe active travel routes to their sites, the existing footpath to the Middlewood Way (PRoW FP192M and FP85HGB) should be upgraded to an all-weather surfaced walking/cycling route, and an all-weather surface should be provided on the Middlewood Way north to Rose Hill Station and south to the A6 with an A6 cycle route connection to A555.
4. To provide an active travel connection to Marple District Centre and Marple Train Station as well as to High Lane Village, an all-weather surface should be provided on the towpath of the Macclesfield Canal between these two points, in consultation with the Canal and River Trust.
5. Windlehurst Road is already a busy road, and with the additional conflicting traffic movements that will be created at the entrance to the proposed development we suggest a 20mph speed limit would enhance road safety for all users. This should run from Buxton Road northwards to just north-east of the Bateson Trailers entrance.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact us on [mail@marplecivicsociety.org.uk](mailto:mail@marplecivicsociety.org.uk)