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Redacted reasons - Please give us details of why you consider the consultation point not to be legally compliant, is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.	<p>I am absolutely astounded to discover the plans to build 1000+ houses in what was the small village of Mosley Common. I feel it is important for me to use the word small when i describe Mosley Common because that is exactly what the roads and amenities in the area were designed for.</p> <p>I have been a resident of Mosley Common all my life and have always been proud and happy to live here, but in recent years and following the heavy development in the local area - it has become at times unbearable.</p> <p>The constant construction traffic passing along Mosley Common Road has made the place dirty and untidy - with the mud and dust that they bring with them - REDACTED TEXT surely this amount of dust and pollution in the air is a health hazard?</p> <p>At certain times of the day - whichever direction you turn, you sit in standstill traffic - either into Tyldesley or towards the East Lancs and Worsley Brow - no journey is a simple journey - I appreciate that with modern times traffic has become more heavy...but since the addition of the recent developments in Mosley Common and the surrounding areas - this has become much worse. Standstill traffic sitting along Mosley Common Road, right up to Worsley Brow surely goes against the clean air initiatives that the Government promote. One day this week - I observed the St Mary's school bus take 25 minutes to get from the top of Sale Lane to the stop in the centre of Mosley Common - do you see that as an acceptable travel time? Has anyone thought about how this will be impacted by adding over 1000 houses in the mix - all likely with at least 2 cars each?</p> <p>When commuting to work - it can take me 40 minutes to get from Mosley Common to Worsley Brow on the majority of mornings - again - is this an acceptable travel time? is this acceptable in terms of pollution and fumes in the area from the very slow moving traffic? Has anyone assessed how building over 1000 houses will impact this?</p>

I can see the appeal of building in Mosley Common - we are close to local transport links such as the East Lancs & the Motorway network - but what use is that when the area has been so heavily developed that it is no longer accessible. I go back to my original statement - Mosley Common is a small village - the infrastructure is not built for this number of houses or volume of traffic.

Another thing that I used to love about living in Mosley Common was the green spaces that were available to explore and enjoy - I spent many hours as a child wandering in the fields and learning about nature and I am really sad to say that I have not been able to bring these same experiences and learnings to my son or niece...we now live in an area filled with bricks and heavily polluted as a result. A further reduction in green space in the area will surely affect the air quality of an already dirty and polluted village which has been caused by development after development - it has to stop!

We should be planting more trees and encouraging nature not destroying the plant that we are living on with over development. And just as important - green spaces support mental health - after a hard day there is nothing better than spending time outdoors, exploring the local area - but there is very little left to explore - plus it is so heavily surrounded by traffic that the space that is left is not enjoyable.

I read a few days ago that Wigan Council are looking to make the areas outside of schools safe for parents to walk their children to school - how is this development supporting that initiative - or are we a forgotten village because we are the furthest away from the council buildings? The road outside of St. Johns School is not safe and adding more traffic will add to this.

Another thing to consider is the overwhelming decisions to build houses and not consider amenities in the area - we have a small doctors surgery - that is difficult to get the use of, the schools are oversubscribed, the very small local park often has around 20 people crammed onto it - surely this contradicts planning frameworks? Even the bus lane that was built to improve travel in the area is 'rammed' at busy times of the day & is not adequate to meet the demands of the area. We have had many bus services removed following the introduction of the V1 & 2 services - and this has left gaps in the accessibility to use public transport to travel around the area.

Apologies that my thoughts are a little jumbled and not in line with formal planning language - but as a resident not familiar with the complex details of planning I still wanted to put my thoughts across.

Perhaps the planners should come and spend some time in Mosley Common to see exactly how difficult navigating our home can be at times? How dirty and polluted the area feels and how heavily oversubscribed our local amenities are?