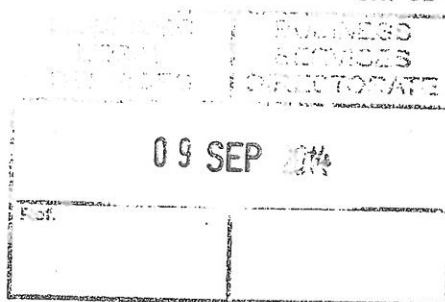


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Dear Inspector

111 Macclesfield Road, Hazel Grove, Mr and Mrs Gilchrist

Re: - Objection to The Metropolitan Borough of Stockport (Hazel Grove (A6) to Manchester Airport A555 Classified Side Road) (Side Roads) Compulsory Purchase Order 2013

I have been a resident living on Macclesfield Road, Hazel Grove for the past 12 years, I have written this statement and speaking here today at the Semmms public enquiry to have my deep concerns recorded regarding the new road lay out.

I live at 111 Macclesfield Road which is the first house after Ashbourne Road, since I bought my property the only change we have had is the petrol station adding a Tesco convenience store which subsequently increased the traffic turning onto Macclesfield Road from Ashbourne Road which is where the Tesco exit is positioned.

I am deeply concerned that the proposed new road layout will bring extra problems and danger onto me, my family and my neighbours as we try to enter and exit our drives on a daily basis. The layout at the moment is a single lane heading towards Poynton with a 30 mile an hour speed limit (this speed limit is rarely adhered to). As we currently prepare to enter our property travelling towards Poynton we obviously indicate to make the drivers behind aware of our impending manoeuvre. This can cause confusion as the property is close to the Ashbourne Road turning so some drivers think we are turning left into this road. With the current wide lane, the driver behind has an option to move outwards and overtake avoiding an accident. With the new proposed road lay out and the plans that have been shared with me the single lane heading towards Poynton will become 2 lanes. One for drivers heading towards Poynton, the second is intended as a filter lane for traffic turning right onto the new route. I have shared my deep concerns on numerous occasions throughout the process focusing on how drivers behind will subsequently deal with the situation previously described as overtaking will no longer be an option.

I have been advised that there is intention to monitor the safety aspect of the road after completion however as a resident who experiences this hazard on a daily basis I can confidently advise you that this will be compounded by your proposed plans.

There are further concerns with living directly next to the route regarding the impact of the construction phase on our daily lives, this I am certain of and no survey is required to prove this. Living so close to a construction site it will obviously bring additional traffic flow, noise pollution,

dust and debris and the outlook from our home for the time it will take to complete. Ultimately this will affect me personally in the short, medium and long term

As a resident in your constituency we work very hard to provide a good life for our families and I therefore find it despicable that there has been no consideration to the potential impact on our personal lives and personal finances i.e. house value. Two points I would like to raise here:-

- 1 The advice I have been continually given is to consult with legal counsel which is a personal cost and indicates that it is something I will require in the not too distant future
- 2 No survey conducted post completion will show the true impact of this build throughout the consultation and implementation phase. It has been evident over recent months that the impact of this road has already been seen in the lack of movement in the property market and visible decline in price on Macclesfield Road.

While I am more than aware a small number of people cannot overturn a multi million pound project which appears to be inevitable. I would now implore you to give due care and consideration to those residents directly affected throughout each stage of the project and be mindful of the detrimental effect this will have on families over the immediate months and coming years. I would hope in the upcoming phases that you are more open and transparent with your communication and that messaging is consistent to all parties. Having experienced the consultation process, the information was not in the appropriate forms for the audience it was addressing and when further clarification was sought information was not forthcoming.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Gilchrist', written in a cursive style.

Tony Gilchrist