

Chapel-en-le-Frith Objections.

PLAN SAID TO BE UNNECESSARY.

At their meeting yesterday the Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District Council decided to oppose the Stockport Corporation's Goyt Valley Water Bill. It was complained that the bill proposed to stop-up the public highway from the Buxton road, Fernilee, to Oldfield Farm, Taxal, and all the bridle paths and footpaths in the proposed water area, without making any substitution whatever; that no provision had been made for the replacement of working-class and similar houses in the district which will be demolished or made uninhabitable, and that no provision had been made in the bill for the houses and hospital accommodation which will be required by the large number of workmen who will be brought into the district.

It was also held that the waterworks would spoil one of the most delightful and varied pieces of millstone grit scenery in all the Pennines, and that the waterworks were unnecessary, as Stockport could get water more easily and cheaply from the Manchester Haweswater reservoir when completed.

The Footpaths' Preservation Society sent a plan setting out all the paths in the area, and the Council for the Preservation of Rural England protested against the construction of waterworks in the Goyt Valley, as they consider it should remain as a permanent open space or park.

GOYT VALLEY WATER SCHEME.

Opposition to Stockport Bill.

(From our Correspondent.)

STOCKPORT, TUESDAY.

Several of the local authorities in the Stockport water supply area have decided to oppose the Stockport Corporation Bill, which seeks powers for the construction of reservoirs in the Goyt Valley. A conference of local authorities was held recently, and reports of the conference have been submitted to the respective urban and rural district councils. Amongst the authorities who have decided to oppose the bill are the Alderley Edge Urban District Council, the Wilmslow Urban District Council, and the Hazel Grove and Bramhall Urban District Council.

A petition which has been presented against the bill states that the scheme will involve very heavy expenditure, and the Corporation will be enabled to impose that expenditure on water consumers in the petitioners' districts. It suggests that before the Corporation is authorised to proceed with the work stringent inquiries should be made as to the need for new supplies of water, as to the desirability of the particular works, and also as to the prospects of obtaining an adequate supply more cheaply from other sources.

The petition states that the Corporation have powers to obtain an additional supply of water from the Manchester Haweswater scheme, and contends that a much greater supply could be obtained by the development of the waterworks at Wilmslow. The petitioners are not satisfied that the great expenditure in connection with the new scheme will be justified by the results which are likely to be obtained.

THE GOYT VALLEY: OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED RESERVOIRS



OPPOSITION TO WATER SCHEME.—A view in the Goyt Valley, East Cheshire, where the Stockport Corporation propose to build two reservoirs. The Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural Council have decided to oppose the Corporation's Bill, and a protest has been made by the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, who consider that the valley should be preserved as a permanent open space.

