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June 3rd 2014

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Thank you for your time

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Sent: 07 July 2014 10:28
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We feel strongly that the size of developments should be restricted and provision within these developments should be made for the elderly residents of Longridge and for the young prospective house buyers who actually live with their parents at the moment in Longridge now and in the future not simply for other people to move into the town or surrounding areas, thus diminishing the available services, school places, health and dental appointments available.

We object to the over development of Longridge and surrounding Greenfield areas.

In Whittingham 650 units have been approved which in itself will have a major impact on Longridge as regards the infrastructure and services mentioned above and it appears that other major companies are rushing to try and gain planning permission for large numbers of houses in and around Longridge. Taylor Wimpey 250, Gladmans 190 78 at Mosses Farm, 14 Inglewhite Road, etc.

This cannot and should not be granted. The drains, educational facilities, highways are not able to sustain this amount of development and it will therefore be wholly detrimental to the health, safety education and community life of all residents in Longridge and its surrounding area. Roads are collapsing into major potholes now, drains are overflowing with sewage and effluence now in two or three major areas in Longridge and have been reported on numerous occasions however, no real action has been taken to improve the antiquated collapsing drainage system in Longridge. Doctors are overwhelmed with patients now. Traffic is causing congestion now.

There is 1 car Park owned by Booths and a small one near the Health centre insufficient now. Schools are virtually full now. Oh yes LCC say they will always provide education but this could end up being in Preston where schools are not full. This would deprive the Longridge community of the right to have their children educated in the town where they live due to over development.
It is imperative that enough thought planning and provision is made for an increase in services i.e. educational, health, dental and that the highway maintenance and provision along with drainage (for health and safety reasons) should be improved first, before any further applications for planning permission are granted.

Anyone who has properly assessed the area for the increase in the volume of traffic, number of people requiring health services, schools, dental services and utility services for the 633 houses agreed over 14 years, can see that this is going to be unsustainable without the input of more infrastructure and services to support it. Longridge will become a grid locked, educationally starved and an unhealthy place to live in and it will be the original community of Longridge and our families who will suffer.

We hope that you appreciate our considered concerns for the village, now a town that my wife was born in and we as a couple have lived in for 34 years. A town, where our children and grand children now live. A town, that is going to lose the carbon absorbing beauty which helps diminish the affects of global warming, as well as the wild life which has always surrounded it and made it the community that it is.

We ask that you and the Planning Committee make any decisions based on the sustainability of a Community, not its eventual collapse and destruction. We ask you and the Planning Committee, to ensure that all planning applications are looked at taking into account first, the impact it will have on the community particularly with regards to the specific areas that we have strongly highlighted in this letter.

Yours sincerely
Longridge
20/5/14
Re Core Strategy final consultation – responses for HM Inspector

Please find my response to be forwarded to the inspecting officer contained within

Thankyou
Response to RVBC Core Strategy Final Consultation

Sir/Madam

My response is in relation to the above strategy and in particular one part- that of the Longridge adjustment of 200 houses.

This adjustment was granted because of a geographical border between RVBC and The City of Preston, whom also recognised Longridge as a service centre.

The adjustment has not changed since the original draft; however the number of houses on the CoP side has grown.

Map A Attached shows Longridge in relation to the CoP.
Map B Shows the current applications both passed and pending.

In Short the CoP has passed thus far 312 Units, with a pending application for another 190, In addition a nursing home in the region of 60 units has been passed.

This equates to 502 Units plus a nursing home of 60, well exceeding the amount of 200 for the Longridge adjustment.

If one adds this to the final RVBC strategy target of 1160 you will have 1662 units, minus RVBC adjustment of 200 = 1462 plus a nursing home placed on Longridge.

I do not believe that part of the strategy has been looked at in detail, and wish you give it your upmost consideration.

Many Thanks
I write once again to express concern regarding proposed building in and around the Longridge area. We apparently have to accept the Core Strategy with its projection that 5,600 houses will be needed in the Ribble Valley between 2008 – 2028. One wonders where Mr. Simon Berkeley actually got his jobs growth projection from! Where actually are the job opportunities which will encourage people to live in this part of the Ribble Valley – yes there will be jobs for the building trade but only short term. More jobs in the Ribble Valley would reduce the need for people to travel to work.

Evidence from people moving into Rowland Homes on the Dilworth Triangle is that they are coming from as far afield as Manchester to live here and prepared to commute each day down the M6/M61.

We are told that the proposed homes over the next 15 – 20 years are much needed but we cannot seem to find evidence to suggest that this is the case.

The 400 Longridge residents who turned up at the annual Town Council meeting were people who care deeply about Longridge and this community.

Ribble Valley Borough Council have now received a planning application for Phase 1 of a proposed Barratt’s development of 106 units. I strongly object to this development which will take much needed farm land, will spoil the vista around the cricket field area, will add to the current traffic congestion and will cause further problems with already overloaded sewers.

Taylor Wimpy will undoubtedly follow on with a similar planning application – this time for over 200 houses in the Dilworth area.

Add to that all the ones Preston CC have approved on the Longridge border -

220 off Whittingham Road
190 adjacent to that site
78 Moss Far
14 D. J. Ryans

Then more on Preston Road around Spout Farm.

Surely Longridge’s housing requirement should be reduced further in view of this.

We keep overlooking that Ribble Valley has also already passed for housing land owned by United Utilities at Chapel Hill, Longridge.

Where is all this going to end and who is going to keep track of these figures? Even with the core strategy in place one fears that more and more planning applications will be accepted.
Can we be assured that our Councillors will pay particular attention to the style, material used, size etc. etc. of all these proposed housing developments because they would seem to have had little input into the Rowland Homes design – many of those houses incidentally are still to be sold and the price has already been reduced by £20,000 per property. So much for much needed homes!!

At least if we are to have homes can they be in keeping with the environment around them – be built in an appropriate style and in material which blends with the local area – and be appropriate to meet so called local need.

The Government seem hell-bent on increasing the number of houses at any price. Nigel Evans our MP signed the Save Longridge petition. Please Longridge Town Councillors, Ribble Valley Councillors, Lancashire County Councillors do not hide behind people like to Save Longridge group. Please stand up and be counted and do all you can to preserve the Ribble Valley. Once the houses are built large areas of Countryside around Clitheroe, Longridge, Whalley etc. will be lost for ever. We have one final chance to stop plans for excessive development. The local people are prepared to fight for this area – can we have faith that our councillors are prepared to do so.

Longridge
Philip Dagnall

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 04 June 2014 14:23
To: Post Hearings
Subject: FAO Colin Hirst - Core Strategy Response - Letter of Objection (And specifics to Site 385) and Planning Application Number 3/2014/0438

Dear Sirs

This e-mail relates both to the core strategy and planning application 3/2014/0438. If you need these to come under separate cover please advise.

I can only reiterate what I have documented in my previous e-mail and ask that RVBC take into account all of the proposed developments and temper this with the needs of the local community.

I agree new homes are required but these should be of the type required to fulfil the housing needs of the community not large sprawling estates that build on extensive areas of green field sites.

I do not want this to come across as Nimbyism and I think most people would I agree that a small expansion for each of the sites proposed by the developers including the new application made by W Monks at Grimbleston Farm. This would lessen the impact for all whilst fulfilling your statutory obligations. The biggest risk for this is that the developers will not want to do ‘small’ developments.

Finally, RVBC will receive a lot of money from the developers. The community needs to know how and when this will be spent to alleviate our concerns over infrastructure.

You also have a duty to take into account the planning application made in Preston that affect Longridges borders.

My original response to the Core Strategy and Site 385 is below and remains aside from any amendments that have been made to the core strategy not reflected in this e-mail.

Dear Sirs

I am writing to you to object to parts of the Core Strategy in the strongest possible terms. However, there are also parts where I am in support. This is not done on the basis of objecting without reason or foundation but a plea to the council who should be serving its constituents to think long and hard about what we should be trying to achieve in order to make the future sustainable for the Ribble Valley and its residents. As it stands at the moment the core strategy is completely unbalanced.

I would like to point out that the excuse provided by the council on the exclusion of Site 385 as “an administrative error in a large and complex document” is completely unacceptable. An administrative error is a major typo or exclusion of a minor point. The unintentional (or deliberate) exclusion of this Site in the core strategy is at best a fundamental error, at worse tantamount to gross negligence on behalf of the council. To put it another way if I, as an individual, submitted a planning application to the council but omitted to inform the planning officer that my ‘actual’ plans involved a 25% increase in the proposition, and I then proceeded to build it, I am in no doubt what the council’s response would be! Completely unacceptable!

The key points of observations which no doubt will be similar to others are:-

- I Support Core Strategy with reservation that the villages should have more development which they need to remain vibrant.

- Longridge to expand by 1039 homes over the 20 year period and no more and to include barn conversions, flats over shops, small flats for 18-24 and singles, adapted bungalows and flats for the elderly. Building sheltered flats and bungalows releases houses for families and migrants who wish to move in and can be a main engine of growth, reduces the need for large housing estates.
• The provision in the CS that this total should be reduced by 200 to reflect nearby development in the City of Preston should be retained.

• Taking 282 planning applications granted, 164 sites approved in 2009 but still awaiting planning applications, 200 in City of Preston(point 3) and 100 small sites already identified, Longridge only needs a further 300 sites over the lifetime of the plan.

• Longridge does not therefore need anywhere near the 2270 housing sites proposed for public consideration in the SHLAA.

• The Strategic housing site at Standen Estate Clitheroe should be the only one in the Ribble Valley therefore site 385 should be excluded as originally proposed by the planners to the planning committee. Site 381 and 382 combined is also a potential strategic site -903 homes.

• In Longridge development should be gradual based on small sites rather than on the large estates.

• Longridge should have a neighbourhood plan to make sure that housing is driven by need not greed.

• Planning should be also related to the delivery of school places, health provision, road development social service, utilities and job creation to cope with the expansion. It is clear as a resident of Longridge that there is a shortage in school places and there is insufficient healthcare.

• Preserve the rural nature and character of Longridge.

Specifically in relation to Site 385:-

(c) Site 385 Willows Park Road to the Alston Arms 930 homes

This is the largest site in Longridge and the second largest in the Ribble Valley. It was recommended to the planning committee by the planners for rejection as increasing the settlement (Longridge) by 25%. The planners should be urged to take their own advice this should not be included for consideration as a development site. The planners should not try to get this site back into the CS by the back door having made a mistake.

In the view of Ken Hind who was present all the way through the committee debate and spoke on behalf of the people of Longridge to reject 3 sites did not argue about site 385 as excluded by the schedule under debate, the committee did not recommend this site to the public for future inclusion in the CS as a potential development site and this should remain the position.

This will be a second strategic site in the Ribble Valley CS and should be rejected on that basis. It is 23 hectares or approximately 55 acres will include 930 homes (Planners estimate) The site appears in the SHLAA report as having one owner. This is not strictly correct as it was owned by a farmer who is recently deceased and now the property is in trust for the beneficiaries of his estate. As far as we can establish there is no purchase option signed by the beneficiaries with Barretts. This effectively means multiple ownership and therefore this site at present is not deliverable and should be argued on this basis.

The site has major drainage problems and a number of underground springs on it and is open to flooding.

It will have a major impact on the recreational facilities as it totally surrounds the Longridge Cricket Club and will move the settlement boundary well to the north and north east. This will open up the football club and second cricket pitch and or land around it to potential development by developers applying to City of Preston. It will have a major environmental impact upon the surrounding area as well as visual amenity.

Finally, may I remind you of some key statements from the RVBC website: - (These are your obligations to the residents of the Ribble Valley).

• Ribble Valley Borough Council is focused on delivering the best possible service to its customers and
communities. At the same time aiming to make them accessible to all residents.

- The Ribble Valley has a very highly rated environment in terms of its natural beauty, high air quality and low levels of pollution. It is the Ribble Valley Borough Council's policy and ambition to "help make people's lives safer and healthier," and to "protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of the area."

In planning for the future of Longridge you have to provide for the need of existing residents not just migrants who wish to move here, build for need not greed. It is essential that we have Neighbourhood Plan, approved by referendum by the people of Longridge to make sure we provide from amongst the total of homes agreed adapted accommodation for the elderly which represents half council’s waiting list. In addition flats and affordable homes for young singles and families starting on the housing ladder. We must make sure the younger generation are not driven out of Longridge to seek cheaper housing areas elsewhere.

Yours faithfully

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5 June 2014

Dear Mr Hirst,

Ribble Valley Core Strategy 2008 – 2028
Response to Main Modifications

Please find below my comments on the above:

Although I would agree with the principles of the Core Strategy I still have major concerns regarding the number of houses being allocated to Longridge.

Whilst the figure now stands at 633 this does not reflect the true number of houses planned from the Preston City Council side of Longridge.

At the present time I understand that:
- Whittingham Road (Ridings) 220 passed
- Moss Farm 78 passed
- Inglewhite Road (DJ Ryans) 14 passed

In addition to this there is a planning application for a further
- Halfpenny Lane (Gladman) 190 pending

This would amount to a total of 502 new builds; all on the northwest side of Longridge. These houses will link directly into Longridge and residents will use all the services within this area along with the highways – which have already been noted to be a key weakness in Ribble Valleys Core Strategy document.

Within the Core Strategy document you mention that there will be "cohesive working with Preston City Council" but I am not sure how this is working given the numbers being inflicted on Longridge.

However as you have already made adjustments in the figure for the first 220 passed by Preston Council I would hope that further adjustments can be made to reflect the 92 (Moss Farm & DJ Ryans) already passed and if the Gladman development is approved a further 190 should be deducted from the total number required for Longridge.
If these adjustments were made then Longridge would need an additional 351 not the 633 stated.

As a very concerned resident of Longridge I would therefore request that these adjustments be considered before we find ourselves with an infrastructure that can't cope and a road system which is totally inadequate and unsafe. Not to mention a town that has completely lost its identity.

Regarding MM34 8.13 This states that Car Parking is being reviewed in Clitheroe and Whalley but makes no mention of Longridge.

Yours sincerely
Forward Planning Team
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Church Walk
Clitheroe
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Sirs,
Ribble Valley Core Strategy and
Planning Application 3/2014/0438

1. Core Strategy
The revised Core Strategy of May 2014, has my support providing
due recognition is given to the impact of the Planning applications
already approved or under consideration by Preston Council right on
the Longridge boundary. I understand there is already an established
precedent for this. I refer to applying the adjustment to other sites
such as the Whittingham Lane and Inglewhite Road Sites which
together with Halpenny Lane, should be offset against the Longridge
quota as they will obviously impact on Longridge’s road and drainage
services as well as medical and educational facilities already struggling
to cope with existing demands. Otherwise the Core Strategy now
appears to me as sound and cohesive, trusting that as already stated,
the Standen Estate Clitheroe remains the Strategic Site of choice for
the Ribble Valley removing any requirement for other major sites in
the time scale under consideration.

2. Planning Application No.3/2014/0438 on behalf of Barratts.

2.1 This Planning Application is Phase 1, comprising 106 residential
units, of an announced 500 house site, although their Site 385 target
was 935, would cover a massive 56.7 acres of green belt land looking
North from Longridge to a clearly visible AONB panorama which would
be a great loss of visual amenity and environmental impact. This huge
project if realised would constitute another Strategic Site and also is
in direct contradiction to the Government’s stated policy of giving
precedence to brown field sites.

2.2 Barratts own surveyors themselves have acknowledged a high
to medium risk of surface water flooding on this site in Appendix 3 of
their Agricultural Land Quality Report, which will come as no surprise
to those with any local knowledge of the area, where drains are
already unable to cope, leading to flooded roads and gardens after
even moderate rainfall. All this building would exacerbate this problem.
2.3 A further major objection to building on this site, is the extra vehicular traffic which would result. Traffic from the proposed site would most probably be headed to Preston or the M6 Motorway passing through the busiest part of Longridge, where even now at times roads struggle to cope with the existing volume. The capacity of local roads would also be overwhelmed with the extra traffic from Preston Council’s newly approved sites on Longridge’s South and West borders.

2.4 A further major objection to this particular site is that the Barnacre Road Primary School access is just around the corner opposite Sainsburys supermarket. This would add to the requirement for a new pedestrian crossing as a Traffic Warden’s presence cannot be relied on to safeguard the lives of young children who have to cross the road.

2.5 This application makes no provision whatsoever for extensive road improvements or other infrastructure essentials such as extra school capacity or health centres or the extra sewerage or surface water drainage already touched upon.

2.6 In short, this proposal is not only premature in an attempt to pre-empt the ratification of the imminent Neighbourhood Plan and Core Strategy, it does not conform with the Development Plan already scrutinised by a government inspector. In no way does it meet the identified demand for affordable bungalows for the elderly and more affordable homes for young families in Longridge.

It is the wrong plan in the wrong place.

Yours Sincerely
points to the unsuitability of the area for such intense development.

Infrastructure:

The facilities in Longridge are clearly inadequate for this large increase in population. Schools, health centres and police services would not be able to absorb this addition to the community and this would have a negative impact on the community in general.

This plan does not account for the hundreds of houses passed by Preston Borough Council, (Whittingham Lane/ Halfpenny Lane/ Alston/ Inglewhite Road etc). These will also be reliant upon the infrastructure and services of Longridge itself, which cannot and should not have to cope.

It is therefore clear that this development should not be considered in isolation from the other proposed developments and ones which are already going ahead (Dilworth Lane/ Chapel Hill/ Cromwell Fields plus the aforementioned large-scale developments passed by PBC). Together they present an enormous threat to a vibrant and attractive rural town, which is supposed to represent the gateway to the Ribble Valley, an area of outstanding natural beauty and rich rural heritage.

After listening to Barratt’s at their public consultation, it seems clear that have paid little consideration to the impact of this large development on the community. Questions posed by concerned residents remain unanswered. Their plans are clearly for short term gain. As such the number of houses needs serious reconsideration and these developers need pressurizing to make some real contribution to the town through contributions to facilities and improvements that will most certainly be required should this and other developments go ahead.

Thank you for your time

Yours faithfully,
Ribble Valley Borough Council
Church Walk
Clitheroe
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June 3rd 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

Ref: Proposed Barratt’s Development Land East of Chipping Lane
3/2014/0438

As a resident of Longridge, I am writing in objection to the scale of the above development.

Environmental Impact:

The site of the proposed development is an area of outstanding natural beauty and is currently used as grazing land for livestock. As such, it is inhabited by a diverse wildlife and the hedgerows and fields support and encourage this diversity. Turning this valuable green space into a housing estate would destroy not only the beauty of this part of Longridge but also the habitats of the wildlife. This seems to be contrary to government guidelines regarding greenbelts, and therefore threatens the fragile boundaries of the town. It is also against recent warnings by the Lancashire Wildlife Trust regarding loss of field habitats.

The sterile hedgerows and urban landscaping proposed by Barratt’s would be an unacceptable substitute for the loss of this green space.

Highways:

The road network in Longridge is already heavily used, and will not sustain the huge increase in traffic this development would bring.

No efforts have been made to talk to the people who use these roads on a daily basis, and the narrow roads, which are a pleasant characteristic of Longridge, should not be burdened with this large increase in users. The traffic from this development will cause congestion in the town and threaten the peace of surrounding country lanes, many of which are used by walkers and cyclists as ‘Quiet Lanes’

Finally, the development will add to an already well-used commuter route to Preston and the motorway. The new houses at Alston (Miller homes) already pose issues regarding the congestion and safety of this road and this development will certainly intensify this.

Drainage

There are major drainage issues for this site, which appear to have been ignored by the developers. The site is known to have a history of flooding, and current residents of the area have clear evidence of the extent of this. The sewers will not be able to cope; the collapsed gardens on the new Cromwell Fields site exemplify the effects of failing to take drainage into account. A development of this size will clearly be similarly affected, particularly as the area is prone to water-logging. This further
28th June 2014

For the attention of Mrs Michelle Haworth, Core Strategy Programme Officer

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I feel strongly that the Longridge adjustment figure requires due consideration in light of the above and, although further afield, (2 miles, with Longridge being the closest town to this site) the 650 units approved for construction at the Whittingham Park site should also form part of this consideration. It is obvious that the overall number of dwellings bordering our town shall be reliant upon the resources and infrastructure of Longridge and that to not make a further allowance for this within the dwelling allocation for our town would I consider be wholly negligent.

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RVBC CORE STRATEGY

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I ask that you and the planning committee take these comments into account.

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From: Michelle Haworth on behalf of Programme Officer
Sent: 08 July 2014 09:41
To: Philip Dagnall; Diane Neville; Joanne Macholc
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 07 July 2014 14:28
To: Programme Officer
Subject: Core Strategy - Longridge

To whom it may concern

I am writing to you regarding the Core Strategy for Longridge. I am very disappointed
with it as we seem to be under siege at every turn from developers ... I think that it
either needs adhering to from when Rowland Homes started their development at Dilworth
or the number of houses needs reducing.

We are a small town with limited infrastructure, Victorian sewage systems, a finite
number of school places and areas such a Derby Road already suffering from flooding in
extreme downpours.

I commute to work and am often queuing to get out of Grimsargh already.

It does not seem fair that we are cherry picked by both developers for Ribble Valley
and Preston Borough.

I think this over development of a beautiful town with spoil it, in addition it will
destroy habitats to many species of flora and fauna. ... and in the process increase
surface run off onto the roads and thus cause dangerous conditions.

I am not completely against development but it needs to be what the community requires
and the number STRICTLY controlled.

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[Redacted]
Dear Mrs Haworth

I am mailing with a representation about the modifications to the core strategy.

I agree to the core strategy as proposed, as it allows for providing new housing within sensible limits and will allow communities to grow sensibly and to retain their identities.

I would ask, however, that the Longridge adjustment figure take into account applications and permissions since December 2011 (when the adjustment was ratified). Gladman Developments have now been granted permission for 190 units at the Ridings Depot site and there have been 78 granted at Mosses Farm, Whittingham Lane and 14 on Inglewhite Road. Sherwood Homes have also proposed 10 more at the Ridings Depot site. All these developments will use Longridge, rather than Preston, for facilities, services and shopping, as well as adding to traffic through the town. The Whittingham Park development of 650, whilst 2 miles away from Longridge and outside the borough, will also, no doubt, draw on Longridge as the nearest town. There is a limit to what Longridge can accommodate/provide for in a small timeframe.

We have seen recent proposals for large-scale developments by house builders in or on the borders of Longridge. I would urge that the scale of these be restricted and housing types tailored to meet local needs. In addition, the development of existing brown field sites, rather than green field or green belt, is preferable (as indicated in the National Planning Policy Framework). This could provide usual accommodation as starter homes, affordable housing or retirement homes.

Yours sincerely
I wish to comment as follows on the revised version of the Core Strategy.

In the original version a reduction of 200 houses was agreed against the Longridge target of 833 additional houses to reflect planning approvals by Preston CC on the Longridge border. Since then Preston CC have approved a further 200 houses so, logically, Longridge's target figure should be reduced by a corresponding amount.

In MM34 Page 78 Longridge is excluded from the review of highways infrastructure and should be included as the impact of developments both in Preston and Longridge itself will have a significant impact on roads in and around Longridge.

Thank you
Dear, Mrs Haworth

In response to the consultation on the RBVC core strategy, which I support.

I accept there is a need for more housing in line with national requirements, your proposed development levels for the next 14 years seem reasonable, I am however concerned that anything greater would have a detrimental effect on the community and infrastructure.

In particular assurances about water management issues we have in Longridge do not seem to be effective, there are several places on Lower lane and Dilworth lane susceptible to excessive standing water which the Highways agency should be aware of, only last month I witnessed water from the Rowland development at Cromwell fields on one half of the carriageway flowing over the crown of the road to occupy the other, is the developer going to remedy this?

There seem to be many proposals for consideration, far exceeding the core Strategy requirements, all trying to be first past the post before the strategy is approved.

As you know several sites are already under development, I have heard there are proposals just outside the boundary of Whittingham lane, if approved I would expect the residents to look to Longridge for schools, doctors, police etc.

Therefore I urge you and the planning Committee when implementing the plan to include these as part of Longridge's quota, to be advised by our locally elected representatives to consider which of these best suits the needs of Longridge as a whole.
To: Forward Planning Team  
Planning Department  
Ribble Valley Borough Council  
Council Offices  
Church Walk  
Clitheroe  
Lancashire  
BB7 2RA

Date: 2 July 2014

Re: Proposed modifications to submitted Core Strategy

We write to confirm our acceptance of the proposed main modifications to the RVBC Core Strategy with the following exceptions.

Attention should now be given to the increased number of planning applications which have been granted by Preston City Council for houses directly bordering Longridge.

Since the earlier adjustment of 200 dwellings was included in the Core Strategy, reducing the Longridge settlement number to 633 homes, a further 282 units have now been granted by Preston City Council in the same area. We feel strongly that the 'Preston adjustment' should now be extended to cover the additional 282 units which would reduce the Longridge settlement from 633 units to 351.

Consideration should also be given to the 650 units approved at Whittingham, which along with the above 482 units within the Preston boundary of Longridge, would rely on the services, resources and infrastructure of the town. This should be allowed for in the dwelling allocation of Longridge.

The allocation should now be restricted to the size and type of housing required to meet local needs with smaller developments of starter and retirement homes and affordable housing as indicated by the housing survey. The large scale developments of four and five bedroom homes proposed within Longridge by national developers along with those already granted within Preston and Whittingham show no regard for the needs of residents or the impact they would have on the limited resources, services and infrastructure of the small town of Longridge.

Yours faithfully,
30th June 2014

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The Prime Minister said that we should agree the Core Strategy and everything that follows will be according to that. We have tried once and for some reason, against the wishes of the residents, it was rejected by an Inspector who I understand said it did not comply with the Government's policy. We recognize that as a community we require a degree of new housing, as we did in the previous submission, thus the RVBC should convince the Inspector that what we need are starter homes (for our children), homes for our elderly (releasing larger houses) and affordable homes for local people. There are plenty of houses for sale at this moment.

But before any development there has to be considerable investment in the infrastructure as, whatever United Utilities, RVBC and Lancashire County Council say, all services are under considerable pressure. Parents in the Community unable to get their school of choice as a right, Sewage has on occasion spilled out of the sewers, Doctors have difficulty in seeing patients easily and the roads to Preston via Grimsagh or Broughton are impossible at peak times.

I reluctantly agree to the Core Strategy which is to be submitted but would ask that more emphasis is placed on the effect that the development to take place in Whittingham (Preston Rural) on an acceptable brown field site which would affect the services provided by Longridge and, at least, allowance is made for this. This will still impact on the state of all the services as stated above.

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For the attention of Mrs Haworth, Core Strategy Programme Officer

Dear Mrs Haworth,

I am writing to you as a very concerned resident about the developments planned for Longridge.

The number of dwellings to be built were confirmed as 200 in December 2011. More and more applications have been made since this time amounting to 292 units and two miles further afield 650 units.

I am extremely worried that the resources and infrastructure of Longridge will not be able to cope with this increase.

I do recognise that some new housing is required but I think the size and type of houses to be built should meet local requirements; two/three bedroom properties, bungalows not 4/5 bedroom houses.

I feel strongly opposed to the development on Greenfield and Greenbelt land. The development of brownfield sites is much preferable to the destruction of our beautiful fields and open countryside. Once the green fields have gone they are gone forever. This is one reason why Longridge people came to live here.

I do hope that you and the planning committee make your decisions carefully and consider the points that have been made.

Yours faithfully,
Sirs,

I am objecting to the large builders who are planning to build houses on green fields all round the town of Longridge. One site is already built on "Romans Crossing" and the others are jockeying to be next. They have scaled down somewhat on numbers of houses but still hold on to the larger sites on plans to be fought over in later years once they have a foothold.

The Core Strategy and Town Plan show there is no need for any of these houses, knowing what mixed housing is wanted has already been identified for up to the year 2028.

Flooding has been a problem with Thornfield Road and Redwood Drive, which has been partly improved by an underground United Utilities floodwater storage tank a while ago. We have five reservoirs to prove the amount of overall rainfall. What will be needed with more lower housing built nearby?

Yours sincerely
Philip Dagnall

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 04 June 2014 12:31

To: Post Hearings

Subject: Application 3/2014/0438

To whom it may concern,

Whilst I agree (in principle) to the ‘Core Strategy’, I must ask that due consideration be given to the adjustment for Longridge based on the increased pressure on the facilities in Longridge (such as drainage, education, healthcare, highways, etc...) as a direct result of Preston CC passing the 220 units off Whittingham Road (at the former Ridings Depot), 78 units on Moss Farm (Carefoots Chicken Farm), the nursing home opposite Ridings, 14 units at DJ Ryans & the subsequent application for a further 190 houses adjacent to this site by Gladman Developments.

All of these will have an accumulated effect to Longridge & the surrounding towns / villages for the above reasons.

Regards,

[Redacted]

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Philip Dagnall

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 29 May 2014 14:05
To: Post Hearings
Subject: CORE STRATEGY MODIFICATIONS

Dear Sirs,

Further to the submission of your recent modifications to the Core Strategy, I write to confirm my agreement in principle but would like to stress my concern with regards to the adjustment made for the number of houses that are to be built within the Halfpenny Lane area. Whilst this new development is officially in Preston Borough the residents will undoubtedly utilise the infrastructure, shopping, education and Medical Services of Longridge.

The adjustment made for the original 220 houses proposed for Halfpenny Lane was around 200 and I believe this should now set a precedent for adjustments for any future permissions awarded.

ie - There have been applications for a further 190 houses to be built in this area and 78 already awarded planning permission at the Chicken Farm on Whittingham Lane and 14 adjacent and opposite the football Fields on Inglewhite Road. Consequently I believe that, these too, should be included in the adjustment to be made within the Core Strategy and the residual number of houses for Longridge adjusted accordingly.

I am very much against the large scale development’s proposed by Barrett’s and Taylor Wimpey which will have a major impact on our Community and it’s infrastructure and believe that these residual amounts should be spread over a number of small sites to reduce the overall impact to the area.

The RVBC Housing Survey carried out in 2012 made very interesting reading and did not support the volume and type of housing that the Developers want to give us. If they have their way we will be living on a building site for the next 10 years and will be left with hundreds of houses that are not selling and infrastructure that cannot cope

The planning framework produced by Central Governments dictates that we require a certain amount of housing between now and 2028. The Developers are trying to dictate that we need lots more 4 & 5 bedroomed houses, which we do not and they are also premature in the time frame within which these houses need to be built. We cannot allow Developers to dictate what we need. They do not live here and have no regard for the aftermath.

Kind Regards, [Redacted]

02/06/2014
Dear Sir,

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The scale of the developments proposed by both Barratt and Taylor Wimpey would have a serious impact on the services and infrastructure of Longridge and as such due consideration should be given to restricting these in size and the type of houses which are actually required.

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I believe as a community we recognise that a degree of new housing is required but that RVBC needs to exercise a degree of empathy when considering the impact that developments of this size and nature will have on our community. The development of the existing smaller brown field sites in and around Longridge for starter homes / retirement / affordable housing be of benefit to those who really need to get on the housing ladder as well as improving the aesthetics of the town itself. The scale of the proposals will be incredibly disruptive to day to day life for many of us with the noise levels, dirt and increased traffic and the prospect of living on a building site for what could be a further 7 years doesn’t bear thinking about.

I urge you to ask the planning committee to make their decisions based on a considered and well thought through basis.

Yours faithfully

Financial Director

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I am writing to voice my concerns about the building development currently being applied for in Longridge. I fully understand the government initiative to create more housing and accept that nowhere should be exempt, particularly when Longridge is such a lovely place, but I would urge you in the strongest terms to keep to the Core Strategy and only allow 630 houses to be built. This 630 should include all of the houses already being built on all of the sites. The developments approved by Preston Council need taking in to account too.

As a Longridge resident it is already clear to see that 630 houses would be over stretching the local facilities such as schools, health services and the traffic infrastructure. It is also true that the soul of the town would change to the detriment of all new and old residents. 1700 houses would be impossible!

Please listen to the views of the town and help us to make this enforced development sensible and positive for everyone.

Yours faithfully

Lower Lane Resident.

Sent from my iPad
Philip Dagnall

From:  
Sent: 08 June 2014 11:27  
To: Post Hearings  
Subject: Longridge overdevelopment - Barratts  

Dear Sirs,

I would like to add my voice to the Save Longridge Campaign’s opinion which is as follows:

Preston Council have already passed the 220 houses on Halfpenny lane and 200 of these have been allowed to be offset against the number of houses required to be built in Longridge. They are considering an application for a further 190 houses. Should this be passed by Preston Council then by the precedent already set on the 220 houses, surely these additional 190 should be also deducted from this number.

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As Longridge residents I think we would all be happy to accept this.

I would like to add that even these are really too many. The infrastructure is already at capacity. Berry Lane is packed with traffic. The route to/from the motorway through Grimsargh is now experiencing major traffic jams. (Will Helicopters be supplied to take urgent cases to Preston Royal Infirmary?). Doctors’ surgeries are full. Drainage and sewers won’t cope (I’ve seen raw sewage going down a stream towards the Ribble). Quality of Life is being destroyed.

If more people are housed in Longridge (and the other local centres) they will merely join the daily traffic jams on the M6 and M61 to go to work. I know – I was one!

I can appreciate that everyone is working hard to meet requirements forced on the council by the government in Westminster, and everyone has done their best, but this Core Strategy is a Disaster!

Yours Sincerely,

Longridge

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 05 June 2014 20:40
To: Post Hearings
Subject: RVBC Core Strategy

I am writing in response to the recent modifications to the RVBC Core Strategy. Whilst I am fully aware of the need for housing development throughout our area, I am concerned about the size of the developments being proposed - currently by Taylor Wimpey and Barratt, and would urge that you restrict the size of these developments, due to the impact developments of this size will have, both on the fabric and character of the town, but also on the services, namely schools, Doctors surgery’s and roads.

I believe planning has already been granted on various sites across Longridge, for approx. 282 houses, and would strongly urge RVBC to take these into account and deduct these from the agreed allocation in the core strategy, of 633 properties, over the next 14 years.

These other 2 huge developments will have a very detrimental effect on the community.

I would also urge that you take into account the need for mixed housing, and ensure that developments include starter homes, retirement homes and affordable housing, on existing brown field sites in and around the town.

Thank you for your consideration,
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Yours faithfully
Dear Sirs

I have read with interest the Core Strategy that has been recently published and currently subject to consultation - I am a resident of Longridge and our Town is impacted on and affected by decisions that are being taken by Preston City Council hence I would like to register my views by saying that I agree in principle to the Core Strategy of Ribble Valley but would ask for due consideration to be given to the adjustment for Longridge based on the increased pressure on Longridge facilities as a result of Preston CC passing the 220 units off Whittingham Road at the former Ridings Depot and the subsequent application for a further 190 houses adjacent to this site by Gladman Developments.

Reasons for Requesting Adjustment

As mentioned above I have serious concerns in relation to the infrastructure of Longridge and the ability of future development to make satisfactory provision for schools and vital services such as Fire (We have an unmanned station) Police (The Enquiry Facility has been withdrawn)

In addition to the above the highways and drainage facilities in their current form are not sustainable, other valid reasons why I think that adjustments should be made.

I hope that you will listen to my views

Yours sincerely

[Signature]
From:
Sent: 02 June 2014 20:09
To: Post Hearings
Subject: Core Strategy document

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28th June 2014

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PD space to 1/4/14.

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[Signature]
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-----Original Message-----
From:
Sent: 07 July 2014 14:28
To: Programme Officer
Subject: Core Strategy - Longridge

To whom it may concern

I am writing to you regarding the Core Strategy for Longridge. I am very disappointed
with it as we seem to be under siege at every turn from developers .... I think that it
either needs adhering to from when Rowland Homes started their development at Dilworth
or the number of houses needs reducing.

We are a small town with limited infrastructure, Victorian sewage systems, a finite
number of school places and areas such a Derby Road already suffering from flooding in
extreme downpours.

I commute to work and am often queuing to get out of Grimsargh already.

It does not seem fair that we are cherry picked by both developers for Ribble Valley
and Preston Borough.

I think this over development of a beautiful town with spoil it, in addition it will
destroy habitats to many species of flora and fauna. .... and in the process increase
surface run off onto the roads and thus cause dangerous conditions.

I am not completely against development but it needs to be what the community requires
and the number STRONGLY controlled.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]
Dear Mrs Haworth

I am mailing with a representation about the modifications to the core strategy.

I agree to the core strategy as proposed, as it allows for providing new housing within sensible limits and will allow communities to grow sensibly and to retain their identities.

I would ask, however, that the Longridge adjustment figure take into account applications and permissions since December 2011 (when the adjustment was ratified). Gladman Developments have now been granted permission for 190 units at the Ridings Depot site and there have been 78 granted at Mosses Farm, Whittingham Lane and 14 on Inglewhite Road. Sherwood Homes have also proposed 10 more at the Ridings Depot site. All these developments will use Longridge, rather than Preston, for facilities, services and shopping, as well as adding to traffic through the town. The Whittingham Park development of 650, whilst 2 miles away from Longridge and outside the borough, will also, no doubt, draw on Longridge as the nearest town. There is a limit to what Longridge can accommodate/provide for in a small timeframe.

We have seen recent proposals for large-scale developments by house builders in or on the borders of Longridge. I would urge that the scale of these be restricted and housing types tailored to meet local needs. In addition, the development of existing brown field sites, rather than green field or green belt, is preferable (as indicated in the National Planning Policy Framework). This could provide usual accommodation as starter homes, affordable housing or retirement homes.

Yours sincerely
I wish to comment as follows on the revised version of the Core Strategy.

In the original version a reduction of 200 houses was agreed against the Longridge target of 833 additional houses to reflect planning approvals by Preston CC on the Longridge border. Since then Preston CC have approved a further 200 houses so, logically, Longridge's target figure should be reduced by a corresponding amount.

In MM34 Page 78 Longridge is excluded from the review of highways infrastructure and should be included as the impact of developments both in Preston and Longridge itself will have a significant impact on roads in and around Longridge.

Thank you
Dear, Mrs Haworth

In response to the consultation on the RBVC core strategy, which I support.

I accept there is a need for more housing in line with national requirements, your proposed development levels for the next 14 years seem reasonable, I am however concerned that anything greater would have a detrimental effect on the community and infrastructure.

In particular assurances about water management issues we have in Longridge do not seem to be effective, there are several places on Lower lane and Dilworth lane susceptible to excessive standing water which the Highways agency should be aware of, only last month I witnessed water from the Rowland development at Cromwell fields on one half of the carriageway flowing over the crown of the road to occupy the other, is the developer going to remedy this?

There seem to be many proposals for consideration, far exceeding the core Strategy requirements, all trying to be first past the post before the strategy is approved.

As you know several sites are already under development, I have heard there are proposals just outside the boundary off Whittingham lane, if approved I would expect the residents to look to Longridge for schools, doctors, police etc.

Therefore I urge you and the planning Committee when implementing the plan to include these as part of Longridge's quota, to be advised by our locally elected representatives to consider which of these best suites the needs of Longridge as a whole.
To: Forward Planning Team  
Planning Department  
Ribble Valley Borough Council  
Council Offices  
Church Walk  
Clitheroe  
Lancashire  
BB7 2RA

Date: 2 July 2014

Re: Proposed modifications to submitted Core Strategy

We write to confirm our acceptance of the proposed main modifications to the RVBC Core Strategy with the following exceptions.

Attention should now be given to the increased number of planning applications which have been granted by Preston City Council for houses directly bordering Longridge.

Since the earlier adjustment of 200 dwellings was included in the Core Strategy, reducing the Longridge settlement number to 633 homes, a further 282 units have now been granted by Preston City Council in the same area. We feel strongly that the 'Preston adjustment' should now be extended to cover the additional 282 units which would reduce the Longridge settlement from 633 units to 351.

Consideration should also be given to the 650 units approved at Whittingham, which along with the above 482 units within the Preston boundary of Longridge, would rely on the services, resources and infrastructure of the town. This should be allowed for in the dwelling allocation of Longridge.

The allocation should now be restricted to the size and type of housing required to meet local needs with smaller developments of starter and retirement homes and affordable housing as indicated by the housing survey. The large scale developments of four and five bedroom homes proposed within Longridge by national developers along with those already granted within Preston and Whittingham show no regard for the needs of residents or the impact they would have on the limited resources, services and infrastructure of the small town of Longridge.

Yours faithfully,

Mr
Dear Mrs Haworth

30th June 2014

RVBC Core Strategy
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I reluctantly agree to the Core Strategy which is to be submitted but would ask that more emphasis is placed on the effect that the development to take place in Whittingham (Preston Rural) on an acceptable brown field site which would affect the services provided by Longridge and, at least, allowance is made for this. This will still impact on the state of all the services as stated above.

I wish you and the planning committee well in what is obviously a difficult time
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For the attention of Mrs Haworth, Core Strategy Programme Officer

Dear Mrs Haworth,

I am writing to you as a very concerned resident about the developments planned for Longridge.

The number of dwellings to be built were confirmed as 200 in December 2011. More and more applications have been made since this time amounting to 292 units and two miles further afield 650 units.

I am extremely worried that the resources and infrastructure of Longridge will not be able to cope with this increase.

I do recognise that some new housing is required but I think the size and type of houses to be built should meet local requirements; two/three bedroom properties, bungalows not 4/5 bedroom houses.

I feel strongly opposed to the development on Greenfield and Greenbelt land. The development of brown field sites is much preferable to the destruction of our beautiful fields and open countryside. Once the green fields have gone they are gone forever. This is one reason why Longridge people came to live here.

I do hope that you and the planning committee make your decisions carefully and consider the points that have been made.

Yours faithfully,
Sirs,

I am objecting to the large builders who are planning to build houses on greenfields all around the town of Longridge. One site is already built on “Romans Crossing” and the others are jockeying to be next. They have scaled down somewhat on numbers of houses but still hold on to the larger sites on plans to be fought over in later years once they have a foothold.

The Core Strategy and Town Plan show there is no need for any of these houses, knowing what mixed housing is wanted has already been identified for up to the year 2028.

Flooding has been a problem with Thornfield Road and Redwood Drive, which has been partly improved by an underground United Utilities flood water storage tank a while ago. We have five reservoirs to prove the amount of overall rainfall. What will be needed with more lower housing built nearby?

Yours sincerely,
Philip Dagnall

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 04 June 2014 12:31

To: Post Hearings

Subject: Application 3/2014/0438

To whom it may concern,

Whilst I agree (in principle) to the ‘Core Strategy’, I must ask that due consideration be given to the adjustment for Longridge based on the increased pressure on the facilities in Longridge (such as drainage, education, healthcare, highways, etc...) as a direct result of Preston CC passing the 220 units off Whittingham Road (at the former Ridings Depot), 78 units on Moss Farm (Carefoots Chicken Farm), the nursing home opposite Ridings, 14 units at DJ Ryans & the subsequent application for a further 190 houses adjacent to this site by Gladman Developments.

All of these will have an accumulated effect to Longridge & the surrounding towns / villages for the above reasons.

Regards,

[Redacted]

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Philip Dagnall

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 29 May 2014 14:05
To: Post Hearings
Subject: CORE STRATEGY MODIFICATIONS

Dear Sirs,

Further to the submission of your recent modifications to the Core Strategy, I write to confirm my agreement in principle but would like to stress my concern with regards to the adjustment made for the number of houses that are to be built within the Halfpenny Lane area. Whilst this new development is officially in Preston Borough the residents will undoubtedly utilise the infrastructure, shopping, education and Medical Services of Longridge.

The adjustment made for the original 220 houses proposed for Halfpenny Lane was around 200 and I believe this should now set a precedent for adjustments for any future permissions awarded.

ie - There have been applications for a further 190 houses to be built in this area and 78 already awarded planning permission at the Chicken Farm on Whittingham Lane and 14 adjacent and opposite the football Fields on Inglewhite Road. Consequently I believe that, these too, should be included in the adjustment to be made within the Core Strategy and the residual number of houses for Longridge adjusted accordingly.

I am very much against the large scale development's proposed by Barrett’s and Taylor Wimpey which will have a major impact on our Community and it's infrastructure and believe that these residual amounts should be spread over a number of small sites to reduce the overall impact to the area.

The RVBC Housing Survey carried out in 2012 made very interesting reading and did not support the volume and type of housing that the Developers want to give us. If they have their way we will be living on a building site for the next 10 years and will be left with hundreds of houses that are not selling and infrastructure that cannot cope.

The planning framework produced by Central Governments dictates that we require a certain amount of housing between now and 2028. The Developers are trying to dictate that we need lots more 4 & 5 bedroomed houses, which we do not and they are also premature in the time frame within which these houses need to be built. We cannot allow Developers to dictate what we need. They do not live here and have no regard for the aftermath.

Kind Regards,

[Redacted]

02/06/2014
Joanne Macholic

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 30 May 2014 12:02
To: Post Hearings
Subject: RVBC Core Strategy

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Sir,

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I urge you to ask the planning committee to make their decisions based on a considered and well thought through basis.

Yours faithfully

Financial Director

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I am writing to voice my concerns about the building development currently being applied for in Longridge. I fully understand the government initiative to create more housing and accept that nowhere should be exempt, particularly when Longridge is such a lovely place, but I would urge you in the strongest terms to keep to the Core Strategy and only allow 630 houses to be built. This 630 should include all of the houses already being built on all of the sites. The developments approved by Preston Council need taking in to account too.

As a Longridge resident it is already clear to see that 630 houses would be over stretching the local facilities such as schools, health services and the traffic infrastructure. It is also true that the soul of the town would change to the detriment of all new and old residents. 1700 houses would be impossible!

Please listen to the views of the town and help us to make this enforced development sensible and positive for everyone.

Yours faithfully

Lower Lane Resident.

Sent from my iPad
Philip Dagnall

From: 
Sent: 08 June 2014 11:27
To: Post Hearings
Subject: Longridge overdevelopment - Barratts

Dear Sirs,

I would like to add my voice to the Save Longridge Campaign’s opinion which is as follows:

Preston Council have already passed the 220 houses on Halfpenny lane and 200 of these have been allowed to be offset against the number of houses required to be built in Longridge. They are considering an application for a further 190 houses. Should this be passed by Preston Council then by the precedent already set on the 220 houses, surely these additional 190 should be also deducted from this number. There are a further 78 houses passed on the Chicken Farm on Whittingham Lane and 14 around the Football pitches on Inglewhite Road. All things being equal these should also be taken into consideration, so in all a total of 282 houses to be offset against the Longridge allocation. Deduct this from the 633 houses that has been suggested and it leaves a figure of only 351 to be built in our area over the next 14 years.
As Longridge residents I think we would all be happy to accept this.

I would like to add that even these are really too many.
The infrastructure is already at capacity. Berry Lane is packed with traffic. The route to/from the motorway through Grimsargh is now experiencing major traffic jams. (Will Helicopters be supplied to take urgent cases to Preston Royal Infirmary?). Doctors’ surgeries are full. Drainage and sewers won’t cope (I’ve seen raw sewage going down a stream towards the Ribble). Quality of Life is being destroyed.

If more people are housed in Longridge (and the other local centres) they will merely join the daily traffic jams on the M6 and M61 to go to work. I know – I was one!

I can appreciate that everyone is working hard to meet requirements forced on the council by the government in Westminster, and everyone has done their best, but this Core Strategy is a Disaster!

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]

Longridge

09/06/2014
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Yours sincerely
Philip Dagnall

From: [redacted]
Sent: 05 June 2014 20:40
To: Post Hearings
Subject: RVBC Core Strategy

I am writing in response to the recent modifications to the RVBC Core Strategy. Whilst I am fully aware of the need for housing development throughout our area, I am concerned about the size of the developments being proposed - currently by Taylor Wimpey and Barratt, and would urge that you restrict the size of these developments, due to the impact developments of this size will have, both on the fabric and character of the town, but also on the services, namely schools, Doctors surgery’s and roads.

I believe planning has already been granted on various sites across Longridge, for approx. 282 houses, and would strongly urge RVBC to take these into account and deduct these from the agreed allocation in the core strategy, of 633 properties, over the next 14 years. These other 2 huge developments will have a very detrimental effect on the community.

I would also urge that you take into account the need for mixed housing, and ensure that developments include starter homes, retirement homes and affordable housing, on existing brown field sites in and around the town.

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Yours faithfully
Dear Sirs,

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Reasons for Requesting Adjustment

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In addition to the above the highways and drainage facilities in their current form are not sustainable, other valid reasons why I think that adjustments should be made.

I hope that you will listen to my views.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Joanne Macholc

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 02 June 2014 20:09
To: Post Hearings
Subject: Core Strategy document

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Sirs,
Ribble Valley Core Strategy and
Planning Application 3/2014/0438

1. Core Strategy

The revised Core Strategy of May 2014, has my support providing due recognition is given to the impact of the Planning applications already approved or under consideration by Preston Council right on the Longridge boundary. I understand there is already an established precedent for this. I refer to applying the adjustment to other sites such as the Whittingham Lane and Inglewhite Road Sites which together with Halfpenny Lane, should be offset against the Longridge quota as they will obviously impact on Longridge’s road and drainage services as well as medical and educational facilities already struggling to cope with existing demands. Otherwise the Core Strategy now appears to me as sound and cohesive, trusting that as already stated, the Standen Estate Clitheroe remains the Strategic Site of choice for the Ribble Valley removing any requirement for other major sites in the time scale under consideration.

2. Planning Application No.3/2014/0438 on behalf of Barratts.

2.1 This Planning Application is Phase 1, comprising 106 residential units, of an announced 500 house site, although their Site 385 target was 935, would cover a massive 56.7 acres of green belt land looking North from Longridge to a clearly visible AONB panorama which would be a great loss of visual amenity and environmental impact. This huge project if realised would constitute another Strategic Site and also is in direct contradiction to the Government’s stated policy of giving precedence to brown field sites.

2.2 Barratts own surveyors themselves have acknowledged a high to medium risk of surface water flooding on this site in Appendix 3 of their Agricultural Land Quality Report, which will come as no surprise to those with any local knowledge of the area, where drains are already unable to cope, leading to flooded roads and gardens after even moderate rainfall. All this building would exacerbate this problem.
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2.4 A further major objection to this particular site is that the Barnacre Road Primary School access is just around the corner opposite Sainsburys supermarket. This would add to the requirement for a new pedestrian crossing as a Traffic Warden’s presence cannot be relied on to safeguard the lives of young children who have to cross the road.

2.5 This application makes no provision whatsoever for extensive road improvements or other infrastructure essentials such as extra school capacity or health centres or the extra sewerage or surface water drainage already touched upon.

2.6 In short, this proposal is not only premature in an attempt to preempt the ratification of the imminent Neighbourhood Plan and Core Strategy, it does not conform with the Development Plan already scrutinised by a government inspector. In no way does it meet the identified demand for affordable bungalows for the elderly and more affordable homes for young families in Longridge.

It is the wrong plan in the wrong place.

Yours Sincerely
Colin Hirst  
Core Strategy Response  
Ribble Valley Borough Council  
Church Walk  
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5 June 2014

Dear Mr Hirst,

Ribble Valley Core Strategy 2008 – 2028  
Response to Main Modifications

Please find below my comments on the above:

Although I would agree with the principles of the Core Strategy I still have major concerns regarding the number of houses being allocated to Longridge.

Whilst the figure now stands at 633 this does not reflect the true number of houses planned from the Preston City Council side of Longridge.

At the present time I understand that:

- Whittingham Road (Ridings) 220 passed  
- Moss Farm 78 passed  
- Inglewhite Road (DJ Ryans) 14 passed

In addition to this there is a planning application for a further  
- Halfpenny Lane (Gladman) 190 pending

This would amount to a total of 502 new builds; all on the northwest side of Longridge. These houses will link directly into Longridge and residents will use all the services within this area along with the highways – which have already been noted to be a key weakness in Ribble Valleys Core Strategy document.

Within the Core Strategy document you mention that there will be "cohesive working with Preston City Council" but I am not sure how this is working given the numbers being inflicted on Longridge.

However as you have already made adjustments in the figure for the first 220 passed by Preston Council I would hope that further adjustments can be made to reflect the 92 (Moss Farm & DJ Ryans) already passed and if the Gladman development is approved a further 190 should be deducted from the total number required for Longridge.
If these adjustments were made then Longridge would need an additional 351 not the 633 stated.

As a very concerned resident of Longridge I would therefore request that these adjustments be considered before we find ourselves with an infrastructure that can't cope and a road system which is totally inadequate and unsafe. Not to mention a town that has completely lost its identity.

Regarding MM34 8.13 This states that Car Parking is being reviewed in Clitheroe and Whalley but makes no mention of Longridge.

Yours sincerely
Philip Dagnall

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 04 June 2014 14:23
To: Post Hearings
Subject: FAO Colin Hirst - Core Strategy Response - Letter of Objection (And specifics to Site 385) and Planning Application Number 3/2014/0438

Dear Sirs

This e-mail relates both to the core strategy and planning application 3/2014/0438. If you need these to come under separate cover please advise.

I can only reiterate what I have documented in my previous e-mail and ask that RVBC take into account all of the proposed developments and temper this with the needs of the local community.

I agree new homes are required but these should be of the type required to fulfil the housing needs of the community not large sprawling estates that build on extensive areas of green field sites.

I do not want this to come across as Nimbyism and I think most people would. I agree that a small expansion for each of the sites proposed by the developers including the new application made by W Monks at Grimbleston Farm. This would lessen the impact for all whilst fulfilling your statutory obligations. The biggest risk for this is that the developers will not want to do ‘small’ developments.

Finally, RVBC will receive a lot of money from the developers. The community needs to know how and when this will be spent to alleviate our concerns over infrastructure.

You also have a duty to take into account the planning application made in Preston that affect Longridges borders.

My original response to the Core Strategy and Site 385 is below and remains aside from any amendments that have been made to the core strategy not reflected in this e-mail.

Dear Sirs

I am writing to you to object to parts of the Core Strategy in the strongest possible terms. However, there are also parts where I am in support. This is not done on the basis of objecting without reason or foundation but a plea to the council who should be serving its constituents to think long and hard about what we should be trying to achieve in order to make the future sustainable for the Ribble Valley and its residents. As it stands at the moment the core strategy is completely unbalanced.

I would like to point out that the excuse provided by the council on the exclusion of Site 385 as “an administrative error in a large and complex document” is completely unacceptable. An administrative error is a minor typo or exclusion of a minor point. The unintentional (or deliberate) exclusion of this Site in the core strategy is at best a fundamental error, at worse tantamount to gross negligence on behalf of the council. To put it another way if I, as an individual, submitted a planning application to the council but omitted to inform the planning officer that my ‘actual’ plans involved a 25% increase in the proposition, and I then proceeded to build it, I am in no doubt what the councils response would be! Completely unacceptable!

The key points of observations which no doubt will be similar to others are:

- I Support Core Strategy with reservation that the villages should have more development which they need to remain vibrant.
- Longridge to expand by 1039 homes over the 20 year period and no more and to include barn conversions, flats over shops, small flats for 18-24 and singles, adapted bungalows and flats for the elderly. Building sheltered flats and bungalows releases houses for families and migrants who wish to move in and can be a main engine of growth, reduces the need for large housing estates.

05/06/2014
• The provision in the CS that this total should be reduced by 200 to reflect nearby development in the City of Preston should be retained.

• Taking 282 planning applications granted, 164 sites approved in 2009 but still awaiting planning applications, 200 in City of Preston (point 3) and 100 small sites already identified, Longridge only needs a further 300 sites over the lifetime of the plan.

• Longridge does not therefore need anywhere near the 2270 housing sites proposed for public consideration in the SHLAA.

• The Strategic housing site at Standen Estate Clitheroe should be the only one in the Ribble Valley therefore site 385 should be excluded as originally proposed by the planners to the planning committee. Site 381 and 382 combined is also a potential strategic site -903 homes.

• In Longridge development should be gradual based on small sites rather than on the large estates.

• Longridge should have a neighbourhood plan to make sure that housing is driven by need not greed.

• Planning should be also related to the delivery of school places, health provision, road development social service, utilities and job creation to cope with the expansion. It is clear as a resident of Longridge that there is a shortage in school places and there is insufficient healthcare.

• Preserve the rural nature and character of Longridge.

Specifically in relation to Site 385: -

(c) Site 385 Willows Park Road to the Alston Arms 930 homes

This is the largest site in Longridge and the second largest in the Ribble Valley. It was recommended to the planning committee by the planners for rejection as increasing the settlement (Longridge) by 25%.

The planners should be urged to take their own advice, this should not be included for consideration as a development site. The planners should not try to get this site back into the CS by the back door having made a mistake.

In the view of Ken Hind who was present all the way through the committee debate and spoke on behalf of the people of Longridge to reject 3 sites did not argue about site 385 as excluded by the schedule under debate, the committee did not recommend this site to the public for future inclusion in the CS as a potential development site and this should remain the position.

This will be a second strategic site in the Ribble Valley CS and should be rejected on that basis. It is 23 hectares or approximately 55 acres will include 930 homes (Planners estimate) The site appears in the SHLAA report as having one owner. This is not strictly correct as it was owned by a farmer who is recently deceased and now the property is in trust for the beneficiaries of his estate. As far as we can establish there is no purchase option signed by the beneficiaries with Barretts. This effectively means multiple ownership and therefore this site at present is not deliverable and should be argued on this basis.

The site has major drainage problems and a number of underground springs on it and is open to flooding.

It will have a major impact on the recreational facilities as it totally surrounds the Longridge Cricket Club and will move the settlement boundary well to the north and north east. This will open up the football club and second cricket pitch and or land around it to potential development by developers applying to City of Preston. It will have a major environmental impact upon the surrounding area as well as visual amenity.

Finally, may I remind you of some key statements from the RVBC website: - (These are your obligations to the residents of the Ribble Valley).

• Ribble Valley Borough Council is focused on delivering the best possible service to its customers and
communities. At the same time aiming to make them accessible to all residents.

- The Ribble Valley has a very highly rated environment in terms of its natural beauty, high air quality and low levels of pollution. It is the Ribble Valley Borough Council's policy and ambition to "help make people's lives safer and healthier," and to "protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of the area."

In planning for the future of Longridge you have to provide for the need of existing residents not just migrants who wish to move here, build for need not greed. It is essential that we have Neighbourhood Plan, approved by referendum by the people of Longridge to make sure we provide from amongst the total of homes agreed adapted accommodation for the elderly which represents half council's waiting list. In addition flats and affordable homes for young singles and families starting on the housing ladder. We must make sure the younger generation are not driven out of Longridge to seek cheaper housing areas elsewhere.

Yours faithfully

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I write once again to express concern regarding proposed building in and around the Longridge area. We apparently have to accept the Core Strategy with its projection that 5,600 houses will be needed in the Ribble Valley between 2008 – 2028. One wonders where Mr. Simon Berkeley actually got his jobs growth projection from! Where actually are the job opportunities which will encourage people to live in this part of the Ribble Valley – yes there will be jobs for the building trade but only short term. More jobs in the Ribble Valley would reduce the need for people to travel to work.

Evidence from people moving into Rowland Homes on the Dilworth Triangle is that they are coming from as far afield as Manchester to live here and prepared to commute each day down the M6/M61.

We are told that the proposed homes over the next 15 – 20 years are much needed but we cannot seem to find evidence to suggest that this is the case.

The 400 Longridge residents who turned up at the annual Town Council meeting were people who care deeply about Longridge and this community.

Ribble Valley Borough Council have now received a planning application for Phase 1 of a proposed Barratt’s development of 106 units. I strongly object to this development which will take much needed farm land, will spoil the vista around the cricket field area, will add to the current traffic congestion and will cause further problems with already overloaded sewers.

Taylor Wimpy will undoubtedly follow on with a similar planning application – this time for over 200 houses in the Dilworth area.

Add to that all the ones Preston CC have approved on the Longridge border -

220 off Whittingham Road
190 adjacent to that site
78 Moss Far
14 D. J. Ryans

Then more on Preston Road around Spout Farm.

Surely Longridge’s housing requirement should be reduced further in view of this.

We keep overlooking that Ribble Valley has also already passed for housing land owned by United Utilities at Chapel Hill, Longridge.

Where is all this going to end and who is going to keep track of these figures? Even with the core strategy in place one fears that more and more planning applications will be accepted.
Can we be assured that our Councillors will pay particular attention to the style, material used, size etc. etc. of all these proposed housing developments because they would seem to have had little input into the Rowland Homes design – many of those houses incidentally are still to be sold and the price has already been reduced by £20,000 per property. So much for much needed homes!

At least if we are to have homes can they be in keeping with the environment around them – be built in an appropriate style and in material which blends with the local area – and be appropriate to meet so called local need.

The Government seem hell-bent on increasing the number of houses at any price. Nigel Evans our MP signed the Save Longridge petition. Please Longridge Town Councillors, Ribble Valley Councillors, Lancashire County Councillors do not hide behind people like to Save Longridge group. Please stand up and be counted and do all you can to preserve the Ribble Valley. Once the houses are built large areas of Countryside around Clitheroe, Longridge, Whalley etc. will be lost for ever. We have one final chance to stop plans for excessive development. The local people are prepared to fight for this area – can we have faith that our councillors are prepared to do so.

Longridge
Response to RVBC Core Strategy Final Consultation

Sir/Madam

My response is in relation to the above strategy and in particular one part- that of the Longridge adjustment of 200 houses.

This adjustment was granted because of a geographical border between RVBC and The City of Preston, whom also recognised Longridge as a service centre.

The adjustment has not changed since the original draft; however the number of houses on the CoP side has grown.

Map A Attached shows Longridge in relation to the CoP. Map B Shows the current applications both passed and pending.

In Short the CoP has passed thus far 312 Units, with a pending application for another 190, In addition a nursing home in the region of 60 units has been passed.

This equates to 502 Units plus a nursing home of 60, well exceeding the amount of 200 for the Longridge adjustment.

If one adds this to the final RVBC strategy target of 1160 you will have 1662 units, minus RVBC adjustment of 200 = 1462 plus a nursing home placed on Longridge.

I do not believe that part of the strategy has been looked at in detail, and wish you give it your upmost consideration.

Many Thanks
For the attention of Mrs Michelle Haworth, Core Strategy Programme Officer

Dear Mrs Haworth,

We wish to make our observations known. The Core Strategy is to build 633 houses only over the next 14 years. We can fundamentally be in agreement to this provided that, the Council makes provision for the increase in population which will necessitate more places in schools or even a new school, more health centres, dentists and nursery provision, improved parking and improved transport and highway maintenance and facilities. 633 houses could increase the population of Longridge by an average 2x633 adults = 1,266 adults and on average 2.2 children x 663 = 1,458.60 children as well as on average 2x 633 cars = 1,266 cars.

We feel strongly that the size of developments should be restricted and provision within these developments should be made for the elderly residents of Longridge and for the young prospective house buyers who actually live with their parents at the moment in Longridge now and in the future not simply for other people to move into the town or surrounding areas, thus diminishing the available services, school places, health and dental appointments available.

We object to the over development of Longridge and surrounding Greenfield areas.

In Whittingham 650 units have been approved which in itself will have a major impact on Longridge as regards the infrastructure and services mentioned above and it appears that other major companies are rushing to try and gain planning permission for large numbers of houses in and around Longridge. Taylor Wimpey 250, Gladmans 190 78 at Mosses Farm, 14 Inglewhite Road, etc. This cannot and should not be granted. The drains, educational facilities, highways are not able to sustain this amount of development and it will therefore be wholly detrimental to the health, safety education and community life of all residents in Longridge and its surrounding area. Roads are collapsing into major potholes now, drains are overflowing with sewage and effluence now in two or three major areas in Longridge and have been reported on numerous occasions however, no real action has been taken to improve the antiquated collapsing drainage system in Longridge, Doctors are overwhelmed with patients now. Traffic is causing congestion now. There is 1 car Park owned by Booths and a small one near the Health centre insufficient now. Schools are virtually full now. Oh yes LCC say they will always provide education but this could end up being In Preston where schools are not full. This would deprive the Longridge community of the right to have their children educated in the town where they live due to over development.
It is imperative that enough thought planning and provision is made for an increase in services i.e. educational, health, dental and that the highway maintenance and provision along with drainage (for health and safety reasons) should be improved first, before any further applications for planning permission are granted.

Anyone who has properly assessed the area for the increase in the volume of traffic, number of people requiring health services, schools, dental services and utility services for the 633 houses agreed over 14 years, can see that this is going to be unsustainable without the input of more infrastructure and services to support it. Longridge will become a grid locked, educationally starved and an unhealthy place to live in and it will be the original community of Longridge and our families who will suffer.

We hope that you appreciate our considered concerns for the village, now a town that my wife was born in and we as a couple have lived in for 34 years. A town, where our children and grandchildren now live. A town, that is going to lose the carbon absorbing beauty which helps diminish the affects of global warming, as well as the wildlife which has always surrounded it and made it the community that it is.

We ask that you and the Planning Committee make any decisions based on the sustainability of a Community, not its eventual collapse and destruction. We ask you and the Planning Committee, to ensure that all planning applications are looked at taking into account first, the impact it will have on the community particularly with regards to the specific areas that we have strongly highlighted in this letter.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]
Longridge
20/5/14

Re Core Strategy final consultation – responses for HM Inspector

Please find my response to be forwarded to the inspecting officer contained within

Thankyou
To Colin Hirst, Core Strategy Response, Ribble Valley Borough Council, Church Walk, Clitheroe Lane.

From: [Redacted]

A MEMBER OF THE LONGRIDGE ACTION GROUP

CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO Main Modifications to Submitted Core Strategy July 2014

Overview:

Longridge has a unique combination of steep topography leading towards a flat plateau, a triangular town centre structure and a geographic location straddling RVBC and PCC across the Savick Brook.

Although Longridge is identified as a principal settlement within the Ribble Valley it has stronger social and economic links with the City of Preston and further afield towards Greater Manchester. Out-commuting from Longridge is almost exclusively westward toward the M6 rather than eastward within Ribble Valley. Similarly it attracts those seeking shops and services from a relatively narrow area.

HOUSING ALLOCATION

The housing allocation is inappropriately large for the settlement of Longridge, given its closer proximity in strategic terms to Blackburn and, more particularly, Preston.

Whilst recognising the Longridge Adjustment - to reflect the Whittingham Hospital development allowed on appeal - this appears to be a one-off arrangement that would ignore further growth close to the district boundaries, within Preston in particular.

It cannot be assumed that Preston would avoid any further growth at this and other sites proximate to and dependent upon the shops, services and infrastructure of Longridge; particularly as their housing land supply is already seriously constrained.

Therefore such development will impose further pressures on Longridge which will not be taken into account in the future. In essence Longridge could be overburdened by the demands placed upon it from housing growth within the adjoining local authority areas yet still be required to satisfy its full quota of housing for Ribble Valley with no opportunity to readjust the overall provision.

The evident risk is that Longridge will transition from a self supporting and potentially sustainable settlement to a role simply as a dormitory town for Preston and Blackburn. A situation which is already in embryo.

The potential requirement for further housing construction in the medium term can be met by extensions to sites that already have planning permission. This does not appear to have been taken into account in the assessment of future supply.

The long term demand can only be judged once a significant proportion of the medium term housing is built and sold – current market demands for Longridge show that there are a significant number of houses for sale. In a recent development in the Dilworth Lane area Cromwell Fields sales have stalled and the site is only around half sold.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

By virtue of the topographical constraints of the town, land for employment purposes is also at a premium. Economically viable opportunities are limited by relatively poor road access and the ready availability of premises on substantial, better accessed and well established business parks and industrial estates on the outskirts of Blackburn and Preston. It is likely that employment land will fall to be used for future housing, further reinforcing out-commuting for work.

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June 3rd 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

Ref: Proposed Barratt’s Development Land East of Chipping Lane
3/2014/0438

As a resident of Longridge, I am writing in objection to the scale of the above
development.

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The site of the proposed development is an area of outstanding natural beauty and is
currently used as grazing land for livestock. As such, it is inhabited by a diverse
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this part of Longridge but also the habitats of the wildlife. This seems to be contrary
to government guidelines regarding greenbelts, and therefore threatens the fragile
boundaries of the town. It is also against recent warnings by the Lancashire Wildlife
Trust regarding loss of field habitats.

The sterile hedgerows and urban landscaping proposed by Barratt’s would be an
unacceptable substitute for the loss of this green space.

Highways:

The road network in Longridge is already heavily used, and will not sustain the huge
increase in traffic this development would bring.

   No efforts have been made to talk to the people who use these roads on a daily
basis, and the narrow roads, which are a pleasant characteristic of Longridge, should
not be burdened with this large increase in users. The traffic from this development
will cause congestion in the town and threaten the peace of surrounding country
lanes, many of which are used by walkers and cyclists as ‘Quiet Lanes’

Finally, the development will add to an already well-used commuter route to Preston
and the motorway. The new houses at Alston (Miller homes) already pose issues
regarding the congestion and safety of this road and this development will certainly
intensify this.

Drainage

There are major drainage issues for this site, which appear to have been ignored by
the developers. The site is known to have a history of flooding, and current residents
of the area have clear evidence of the extent of this. The sewers will not be able to
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failing to take drainage into account. A development of this size will clearly be
similarly affected, particularly as the area is prone to water-logging. This further
points to the unsuitability of the area for such intense development.

**Infrastructure:**

The facilities in Longridge are clearly inadequate for this large increase in population. Schools, health centres and police services would not be able to absorb this addition to the community and this would have a negative impact on the community in general.

This plan does not account for the hundreds of houses passed by Preston Borough Council, (Whittingham Lane/ Halfpenny Lane/ Alston/ Inglewhite Road etc). These will also be reliant upon the infrastructure and services of Longridge itself, which cannot and should not have to cope.

It is therefore clear that this development should not be considered in isolation from the other proposed developments and ones which are already going ahead (Dilworth Lane/ Chapel Hill/ Cromwell Fields plus the aforementioned large-scale developments passed by PBC). Together they present an enormous threat to a vibrant and attractive rural town, which is supposed to represent the gateway to the Ribble Valley, an area of outstanding natural beauty and rich rural heritage.

After listening to Barratt’s at their public consultation, it seems clear that have paid little consideration to the impact of this large development on the community. Questions posed by concerned residents remain unanswered. Their plans are clearly for short term gain. As such the number of houses needs serious reconsideration and these developers need pressurizing to make some real contribution to the town through contributions to facilities and improvements that will most certainly be required should this and other developments go ahead.

Thank you for your time

Yours faithfully,
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REF: Core Strategy

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These include passing plans for 220 units of Whittingham Road (former Ridings depot), and the application for a further 190 houses adjacent to this site by Gladman developments. I understand that 200 of those passed have been allowed to offset against the number of houses 'required' to be built in Longridge. Their potential application of 190 more should certainly be deducted from the total 'required' to be built as well.
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I trust that RVBC will take the above action, and firmly adhere to it, to prevent further destruction of our town and the surrounding environment. Hopefully, having the core strategy in place will also ensure this.

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Please could acknowledgement of satisfactory receipt of this email and attachment be given.

Kind regards,