Dear Sir,
In response to your recent modifications to the RVBC Core Strategy – whilst fundamentally I am in agreement with this, there are a number of issues which I wish to raise:
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.
The original Longridge adjustment of 200 which took into account the development to the west of Longridge at the site of the Ridings Depot in the Preston Borough should now be reviewed to reflect the subsequent application made by Gladman Developments for a further 190 units at this site, the 78 already granted permission at another location on Whittingham Lane and a further smaller development of 14 units on Inglewhite Road. This adjustment also makes no provision for either The Taylor Wimpey development at Whittingham passed for 650 plus a further possible 400 at Grimbaldeston Farm. Common sense would suggest that the occupants of all these properties will be utilising the resources of Longridge town – even if granted by a neighbouring authority and that not making a further allowance for these in the adjustment figure would be totally unfair.
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 are totally out of context for the size of the town and it’s current facilities.

Yours faithfully
Tedd Walmsley