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Hello

I do not agree to the 4000+ houses that are to be built in the Ribble Valley up to 2028.

Unfortunately I feel that the only winners in this scenario will be the developers. As all residents of Lancashire will be effected by this decision to put houses on green fields which people come to see as visitors or local people enjoy.
The Ribble Valley will become a more affordable place to live, however it will be less desirable.
The surrounding areas of Accrington, Blackburn and Burnley will go further into decline as people migrate into The Ribble Valley reducing house prices in these areas further.

It is such a shame no one who can make a difference can see the bigger picture.

What a wasted opportunity.

Our country's towns are facing the most difficult time with the greater use of internet, the mindless developments of out of town shopping centres and now the recession.
Growth should be encouraged and the way to do this is by encouraging and incentivize developers to build homes, convert disused buildings in these deprived town centre to make them vibrant again, where young people want to live. Learning from the example of Manchester.

Please find below my response to the Core Strategy document.

Para 2.32 I disagree with the decision to use Whalley as a Key Service Centre as part of the Development Strategy because full assessment of Whalley's infrastructure has not taken place in particular to accessibility and traffic congestion.

I agree that the Standen site is a good strategic site as it is close to the A59 and Clitheroe town centre.

I agree with the amount of new homes Longridge has been allocated.

I think the rest of the new homes including the ones in Whalley should be allocated in proportion to their current population. This, I feel is the only true sustainable way to deal with this matter.
Building should be allowed in the small villages but these buildings should be closely controlled to ensure they are in keeping with the village.
this way village schools will get a new lease of life and maybe even village shops will open again.

I think ways to make Gisburn a more vibrant village should be considered, this could include opening up of the railway and sympathetic new building to encourage prosperity.

Thank you