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My response to the latest rounds of consultation on the Core strategy is not in the required format for a reason. The reason is that the man on the street has no understanding of how to deal with questions like this nor does he have the time to read reams of reports and instructions. The man on the street knows what he wants but unfortunately the rules on how to respond do not give him the opportunity to properly put those views forward. It is for this very reason that the Core Strategy cannot be considered “sound”. The Core Strategy does not reflect the views of the people of the Ribble Valley it is a series of soundbites, meant to placate the residents, padding out policies forced on us by central government. The people of the Ribble Valley do not agree with the Core Strategy they have simply been forced to accept it because they have no other voice. This is not democracy this is a dictatorship.

We live in a rural borough, green fields, pretty villages, historic market towns. To develop this area to the degree proposed will turn a rural borough into just another urban borough. We owe it to our children to hold some areas of this country in the past, this is surely the very basis of sustainability, to keep what is worth keeping for future generations to use and enjoy. Our council is being forced by government policy to go against the wishes of the people of this borough. How then can the Core Strategy be considered Sound?