Dear Mr Dagnall,

Before the Ribble Valley Council rush into building on prime farm land I feel that the housing committee should look into empty houses, pubs, clubs shops etc. These could easily be converted into dwellings. How about encouraging owners of shops to make the upstairs of their premises into flats for rent?

I think that the council should look again at the distribution of the housing that is to be built. Is it right the Clitheroe should bear the brunt of this burden of housing? Clitheroe can become gridlocked at the slightest incident and all the extra cars involved will only make matters worse. Clitheroe town centre cannot expand to cater for all the extra people and their needs.

Can the education department afford to run the extra schools that will be needed? How will the health centre copy with all the extra patients? Will the sewers be able to cope? The roads in the area are worn out and full of holes, what will they be like with all the extra traffic? The answer to these questions should not be answer glibly, but with straight and workable answers.

Where are all the jobs for going to be for the few thousand extra people, or is the council going to allow Clitheroe to become a commuter town?

Yours sincerely,