Ribble Valley Borough Council
Core Strategy Consultation
Council Offices
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my complete objection to the proposed local housing plan. The plan is unsound in many areas and illustrates the total lack of understanding by our elected council regarding the needs and wants of the local community. The housing plan has major flaws with my concerns being based on the supporting infrastructure plan which is weak and inadequate.

I have read that there will be significant implications at the Standen Estate regarding education and land will be available for a primary school but there will be no plans to build one.

There are no plans and no money to improve our leisure facilities within Clitheroe, so what are all the new residents going to do and where are they going to go?

The existing car parks are already under pressure and there are no plans to provide more?

I live on the Southern edge of Clitheroe and walk my dogs’ everyday across the Standen Estate and surrounding area. I am horrified that such wonderful countryside that is used for leisure activities by many people, and is inhabited by such a wide variety of wildlife is to become a concrete mass. I understand that we need to build houses, but what is wrong with smaller scale, controlled developments provided on a ‘need’ basis? And why use beautiful, productive agricultural land?

The proposed amount of new housing in Clitheroe is unjustified. The town cannot support such a growth based on the flimsy infrastructure plan and Clitheroe should only have the correct amount of houses built in proportion to the rest of the Ribble Valley.

Yours faithfully,