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Dear Mr Scott,  

I am in receipt of your letter of 3 May 2012 regarding the core strategy consultation.  

There are one or two issues I wish to raise.  

**The Duty to Co-operate.** Since when did Ribble Valley Borough Council co-operate with the residents of Sabden in relation to tackling the vexed question of car parking for existing residents. All they did was introduce car parking charges for residents on the only car park. And at the same time put double yellow lines on both sides of Padiham Road, thus creating a race track on that stretch. The boy racers love it. The answer is scrap car parking charges and get rid of the double yellow lines. Are you listening and co-operating?  

**Legal and procedural requirements.** As I understand it, it is a legal requirement that any new development of houses has a minimum of 1.6 car parking spaces per dwelling. At the recent meeting with a Calico rep and a RVBC official who was present at the so called consultation with Sabden residents over the Contrast Development, it was stated that the car parking would be 1.5 spaces for houses, and 1.0 spaces for flats!!! A long way from the 1.6 minimum requirement. Is this legal?  

**Whether it is sound.** In this day and age, any new build/strategy must have one overriding point that should never be overlooked — provision of adequate car parking spaces. Without that, no strategy is sound. Car parking spaces attract visitors, and with them income, and business flourishes. No car parking spaces, no visitors. Simple. So as things stand in Sabden, the core strategy fails on all three points, simply because RVBC do not listen to the residents of Sabden  

I hope you find the above comments constructive. Though whether you listen is another matter.  

Yours Sincerely