Objection to proposed Standen Hall estate housing development

Dear Sir/ madam,

I write to object to the proposed plan to develop a vast housing development on land between Standen hall; the A59 and Pendle Road, Clitheroe.

Whilst I fully support the requirement for additional affordable housing in Clitheroe I must object in the strongest possible terms to the proposed number of houses and subsequent additional infrastructure required to support this development. Clitheroe should only provide a proportional share of the additional development required in the Ribble Valley.

If this development proceeds, blind to the needs and wishes of the townspeople, it will have a permanent detrimental effect on the existing cultural and architectural ambience of the town. Exponential growth is not the answer to the housing problem, as the current quality of life experienced in Clitheroe will be negatively and irreversibly altered by this extensive development, which over time, will threaten the very identity of local outlying villages as they are subsumed into the conurbation that Clitheroe would inevitably become in the future. It is the wrong time and the wrong place.

Discrete housing developments, in numbers appropriate for the existing community, to satisfy local needs are desirable. Other methodologies to encourage price escalation should be adopted in the first instance. Better use of existing brown field sites should be utilised before decimating our countryside heritage.

Yours sincerely,