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From: [Redacted]
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To: Core19
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Dear Sir

I wish to register my objections to the proposed new houses in Clitheroe.

My concerns and objections relate to the following:

1. You are expecting Clitheroe (which only accounts for 27% of the population of The Ribble Valley) to accommodate 42% of the proposed new houses. According to RVBC population figures Clitheroe population 14,697 and Ribble Valley 53,960.

2. There are no guarantees regarding water and wastewater services. These are already working at maximum capacity and any additional demand will directly affect the quality of life of all residents of Clitheroe.

3. Over 4000 new residents will require access to health services. There are no plans to increase GP practices and no guarantee that Clitheroe Hospital will be upgraded.

4. Increased traffic on Eshton Terrace (the railway crossing) and Bawdlands (in and out of town) will be impossible especially at peak times with an extra 2000+ cars entering and leaving the town. Parking in town for these additional numbers is insufficient and shops are already stressed to cope with existing numbers.

5. Whalley Road is already a DEFRA Quality Air Management Zone due to high levels of nitrogen dioxide. Your proposals will be increase potential health problems to residents of Clitheroe. 

6. No thought has been given to the additional strain on the Ribble Valley education system. Children (born in Clitheroe) already have to attend secondary schools as far away as Blackburn and Burnley. This is not acceptable in terms of educational wellbeing, time, money and carbon wasted on travel.

7. Access on and off the estate will impinge terribly on existing residents of the Edisford Estate.

Finally, there is no infrastructure in place for any of these concerns to be addressed, and the lack of thought and common sense planning will result in a degradation in quality of life for all existing Clitheroe residents which is totally unacceptable.

I request that these concerns be presented to HM inspector and request that you acknowledge receipt of this objection by replying to this email.

Yours faithfully