Housing Plan for the RVBC

This plan is unsound on the basis of inadequate infrastructure, concerns regarding Education, the Health Service, Leisure, Transport, and Utilities.

Here is a summary of the 202 page Housing Plan produced by RVBC. This highlights the effects of building 1,670 additional houses in Clitheroe, without a SOUND infrastructure plan.

No guarantee water and wastewater services can be provided for extra substantial developments.

Continued liaison is required to ensure timely delivery of a sustainable infrastructure.

Failure will affect the quality of life for the existing community and the environment.

New developments of substantial size will put pressure on existing refuse collections.

The Government say a Transport statement and a Travel Plan should support all developments.

RVBC's response is that the Local Plan contains no significant highway improvement.

LCC will be developing a Local Transport Plan over the next few years.

RVBC hope to develop a Cycle strategy for the Town.

There are no plans to increase public park provision for the extra 2,259 cars.

RVBC have no plans to fund a new sports Centre.

No money available to upgrade Roehefield Swimming facilities even though it needs maintenance.

RVBC acknowledge there are significant implications at the Standen Estate site for education.

Their response is that LCC holds the responsibility for providing adequate primary school places.

2014, because the Government has not yet determined future funding.

Land at Standen Estates will be available for a primary school but there are no plans to build one.

RVBC state there are numerous secondary schools in towns outside the Ribble Valley.

RVBC state there are no plans for the Ribble Valley population and we should not have to absorb more than 28% of any planned new development. Instead we are expected to build 42% of the overall plan on "hopes and aspirations": not a credible infrastructure plan.