Housing Plan for the RVBC

This plan is unsound on the basis of inadequate infrastructure concerning education, health services, leisure, transport, and utilities.

Here is a summary of the 202 page Local Housing Plan produced by RVBC. This highlights the effects of building 1,670 additional houses in Cilfrew, 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 sustainable infrastructure.

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

Development 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 response is that the Local Travel Plan contains no significant highway improvement.

Whalley Rd is a DEFRA ‘Quality Air Management Zone’ due to high levels of Nitrogen Dioxide.

RVBC hopes to develop a Cycle strategy for the Town.

There are no plans to increase public car park provision for the extra 2,269 cars.

RVBC have no plans to fund a new sports Centre.

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

Hillhouse makes up 25% of the Ribble Valley population and we should not have to absorb more than 25% of any planned new development. Instead, we are expected to achieve 42% of the overall plan on our ‘hopes and aspirations’, not a credible infrastructure plan.

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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 for Ribble Valley residents.

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