Housing Plan for the RVBC

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

No guarantees water and wastewater services can be provided for extra substantial developments. Continuous liaison is required to ensure timely delivery and a sustainable infrastructure.

1,670 new homes equals 4,024 extra people living in Clitheroe, all seeking medical care.

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's Transport statement and a Travel Plan should support all developments.

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

Whalley Rd is a DEERA, Quality Air Management Zone due to high levels of Nitrogen Dioxide.

RVBC hope to develop a Cycle strategy for the Town.

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

RVBC have no plans to fund a local sports centre.

No money available to upgrade Roecliffe 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.

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

The 1,670 new homes in Clitheroe will bring over 300 children of Secondary School age.

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

Clitheroe 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 build 42% of the overall plan on "hopes and aspirations" not a credible infrastructure plan.