Housing Plan for the RVBC

This plan is Unsound on the basis of inadequate infrastructure concerning, Education, the Health Service, 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 Clitheroe, without a SOUND infrastructure plan.

- No guarantees 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.

Health Service

- 1,670 new homes equals 4,024 extra people living in Clitheroe, all seeking medical care.
- No confirmation Clitheroe Hospital will be upgraded or developed due to the economic downturn.
- No plans to increase GP practices but informed health services in towns outside the Ribble Valley.

Transport

- The Government say a Transport statement and a Travel Plan should support all developments.
- RVBC's response is that the Local Travel Plan contains no significant highway improvement.
- LCC will be developing a Local Transport Plan over the next few years.
- Whalley Rd is a DEFRA '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 park provision for the extra 2,269 cars.

Leisure

- RVBC have no plans to fund a new sports Centre.
- No money available to upgrade Roefield Swimming facilities even though it needs maintenance.

Education

- 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.
- LCC unable to provide greater detail of available money for education as funding is only known until 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.
- 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 Valley 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.

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