Ribble Valley Core Strategy
Regulation 19 Comments Form

Before using this form to make any comments please ensure that you have read the Core Strategy document and the Guidance Notes, which can be found on Ribble Valley Borough Council’s website - www.ribblevalley.gov.uk and follow the Core Strategy link. If after reading the Guidance Notes you should have any queries in completing the form please telephone 01200 425111.

This form has two parts: -
Part A - Personal Details (you need only complete one copy of Part A)
Part B - Your comment(s) (Please complete a separate Part B for each comment you wish to make.)

All completed comments forms must be received by the Council no later than 5:00pm on Friday 15th June 2012.

Please return paper copies marked 'CORE STRATEGY CONSULTATION' to Council Offices, Church Walk, Clitheroe, BB7 2RA

Part A

Q1 Please can you provide the following information which will assist us in contacting you if we need to discuss any of your comments further.

Name
Name of Organisation (if you are responding on behalf of an organisation)
Database Reference number (if you have one)
Address
Post Code
Email address
Phone number

Copies of all comments made in Part B of the form will be put in the public domain and are not confidential, apart from any personal information. All personal information within Parts A and B will only be used by the Council in connection with the Local Development Framework and not for any other purpose and will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. The Council will summarise the comments and all representations will be made available to the Planning Inspectorate.
Part B

Please use a separate form for each individual comment.

Q2
Name / Name of Organisation (if you are responding on behalf of an organisation)

Q3
To which part of the Core Strategy does this comment relate?
Part of document eg Key statement reference, 'Vision' section etc...
Involving Stakeholders

Paragraph No.
1.15

Q4
As a consequence do you consider the Core Strategy is:

   i) Legally compliant
   □
   ii) Sound *
   □

* The considerations in relation to the Core Strategy being sound are explained in the Guidance Notes

Q5
If you consider the Core Strategy is unsound, is this because it is not... (please tick the appropriate box)

   Justified □
   Effective □
   Consistent with national policy □
   Positively prepared □

Q6
Please give details of why you consider that the Core Strategy is not legally compliant or sound. Please be as precise as possible.

If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Core Strategy, please also use this box to set out your comments. Please continue on a separate sheet if required.

Please see attached sheet.
Q6 Details of why I consider the Core Strategy is not sound or justified:

The Core Strategy Document proposal is not the agreed plan of the people of Clitheroe but the desired plan of the Council.

- There has been a very poor determination on the part of the Council to find the majority view on the proposed strategy plans.

- When a view has been expressed it is overridden. The adopted option was not one that was presented to the public.

- The information they have supplied to the public has relied heavily on notices in the press which is not free information and relies on the circulation of the newspaper.

- They have failed to keep informed people who have requested to be kept informed and therefore denied people the opportunity to express their opinion.

- Public presence in the town on this subject has been negligible. I shop in Clitheroe and have never seen a notice of public information regarding the council’s proposals. I have seen the public opposition in the town on several occasions.

- The so-called Public meetings of the council did not allow all to attend; the room was too small. The link room had a very poor microphone so people could not hear what was being said clearly and there was no opportunity to ask questions. Comments only had to be booked in advance and of this people were not forewarned.

- There is only one copy of the Core Strategy in the Library for reference only. A hard copy is to be preferred to looking at a computer screen by some. Several requests for a copy had been made to the library.

I acknowledge the difficulty of fully informing everyone but I do think more could have been done to ensure a fair and reasoned democratic conclusion to this very important issue to the people of Clitheroe instead of what appears to be an abuse of power.
Q7 Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Core Strategy legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 5 above where this relates to soundness.

You will need to say why this change will make the Core Strategy legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be precise as possible. Please continue on a separate sheet if required.

Please see attached sheet.

Please note: your comment should cover succinctly all the information, evidence, and supporting information necessary to support/justify the comment and the suggested change, as there will not normally be another opportunity to make further comments based on the original comment made at the publication stage.

After this stage, further submissions will only be at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination in the forthcoming Examination in Public. Please note also that the Inspector is not obliged to consider any previous comments that have been made in respect of the Core Strategy. You are urged, therefore, to re-submit on this form any previously submitted comments that, in your view, remain valid and that you wish the Inspector to consider.

Q8 If your representation is seeking change, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

☐ No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination  ☐ Yes, I do wish to participate at the oral examination
Q7 What I consider necessary to make the Core Strategy sound and justified:

To be more proactive in obtaining a clearer view of the majority of people in the Clitheroe:

- Hold a public open meeting in each of the wards of Clitheroe with a full presentation of the council’s position allowing questions to be asked.

- Have a frequently asked questions fact sheet online and in print for such public meetings.

- Have a clearly defined web page(s) on the Core Strategy which is clear to access not something hidden amongst all the rest of the council’s site and is difficult to navigate and understand.

- Make sure the decisions the council makes are clear and transparent and communicated to interested parties.

- Have a named contact for people to speak to or write to on the issues of the Core Strategy.

- Have a presence in the town on main shopping days to gauge public opinion at key stages of decision making.

- Make more copies of documents available for short loans from the library.
Q9. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary. (Please note that the Inspector will determine who participates.) Please continue on a separate sheet if required.

Q10. If you wish to be kept informed as the Core Strategy progresses through to adoption, please indicate which of the following stages you wish to be informed of by ticking the box(es) below.

- Submission of the Core Strategy to the Secretary of State for independent Examination
- The publication of the Inspector's report following the Examination
- The formal adoption of the Core Strategy

Q11. If you have any other comments to make on the Core Strategy that have not been covered elsewhere, please use the box below. Please continue on a separate sheet if required.

Q12. Date of completion

Q13. Signature

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this comments form, your comments are very much appreciated.

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