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 222 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.

- 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**.

- 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.

- 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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