I am writing to record my objection to the Core Strategy Plan as it has been presented to us, on two main grounds:

1. The Blithere Infrastructure plan is not sound.
2. It is unfair that Blithere should get more than 25% of any planned new development.

Utilities: There are no guarantees that water and water services can be provided and existing services such as refuse collections will be put under pressure. Lack of liaison to ensure delivery of sustainable infrastructure will affect the quality of life.

Health Service: There will be 4024 extra people all seeking medical care. Plans to upgrade Blithere hospital appear to have been rejected. There is no plan to increase G.P. practices and the suggestion that they inform health services in towns outside the Ribble Valley suggests that planners do not care if ill people die on the journey to a distant surgery even if they can get an appointment.

Transport: The Government state that a Transport plan should support all developments. R.V.B.C. say that the local plan contains no highway improvement, and that R.V.B.C. will be developing a plan over the next few years. There are no plans for extra car parking for the additional 9269 cars in a town which
already has overcrowded parking situations. As a practicing cyclist with over 44 years experience both as a rider and as a Cycling Awareness Instructor in local schools I feel that the RVBC 'Hope' to develop a cycle strategy that will make the town car free, laughable. If they look out of their offices they should notice that Bletchley is a hilly town and a large percentage of car drivers trying to find a place to park are senior citizens, and unlikely to be taking up cycling.

There appear to be no plans to upgrade the existing facilities.

**Education**

There are significant implications for any site and as a former Governor at two local schools, I am aware of the problems. 300 children of secondary school age will put intense pressure on already oversubscribed schools. RVBC say they would send them to secondary schools outside the River Valley. No doubt on the way out they would pass the hundreds already being bussed in. Lack of thought indeed. The government has stated that there are 99 small primary schools with less than 100 children, that are now under threat. Some of them are in the RVBC area. Closure of these would mean more children being bussed into the oversubscribed primary schools in Bletchley, or perhaps
as Rev B.C appears to think that 25 miles is not too far to travel to school then a 60 mile daily journey is alright for primary children as well.

If it were not so serious it would be laughable.

We are being asked to build 42% of the overall plan on 'Hopes and Aspirations' and not a credible infrastructure plan. For all these reasons I object to the Core Strategy Plan.

Yours Faithfully

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