Dear [Redacted],

RE Submission of Clitheroe Residents Action Group Petition

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your petition, received on 12 June 2012, containing 979 signatures (plus a further 9 signatures previously received by the Council direct) and inform you of how it will be treated.

The submitted petition is ‘from individuals opposed to the Council’s Core Strategy plan to build more than 25% of new houses in Clitheroe.’ I consider that this petition is virtually identical to the petition submitted to the Council in February 2012, containing 1,095 signatures.

I would like to draw your attention to the Council’s Petition Scheme (copy enclosed) which states clearly on page 2 that ‘Your Petition may be rejected if the Council considers it is too similar to another petition submitted recently.’

Under the Council’s Petition Scheme the previous petition, having received the requisite number of signatures, was debated at Full Council on 6 March 2012. At the meeting it was resolved ‘that the Council support the ongoing work of the Planning and Development Committee in developing the Council’s Core Strategy and ask that the Planning and Development Committee consider the proposal put forward in the petition submitted by Clitheroe Residents Action Group when forming the Council’s Preferred Option consultation document’.

I understand that you have submitted a representation on behalf of CRAG to the Core Strategy consultation, which will registered in that due process and the Inspector will be made aware of both the original petition, the supplementary petition and the Council’s response.

To conclude, the Council feels that the petition has been dealt with previously in line with the Petition Scheme and will not be accepting the petition received on 12 June as a new petition, and therefore another debate at Full Council will not be triggered.

Yours sincerely,

Marshal Scott
Chief Executive