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Dear Mr Berkeley

EXAMINATION OF THE RIBBLE VALLEY CORE STRATEGY – PROPOSED ALTERATIONS

Please find enclosed a Schedule of the proposed main modifications. These modifications have been the subject of consultation between 12th August and 20th September 2013. The responses have been submitted to you under separate cover.

For the avoidance of doubt I should like to confirm that the Council formally request that you consider the significant modifications proposed in the plan contained in the Schedule under (new) Section 20 (7c) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and that you make recommendations accordingly.

Yours sincerely

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Examination of Ribble Valley Borough Council Core Strategy

Ref	Page	Policy/ Paragraph	Main Modification					
MM1	34	Paragraph 3.12	Revised wording of the objective to read "To increase the supply of affordable and decent homes in the borough to help meet identified needs".					
MM2	39	Key Statement DS1: Development Strategy	First paragraph - deletethe main urban areas of the borough and replace text with "the principle settlements of Clitheroe, Longridge and Whalley".					
ММЗ	39	Key Statement DS1: Development Strategy	First paragraph- afterand the Samlesbury Enterprise Zone add new sentence "New retail and leisure development will be directed towards the centres of Clitheroe, Longridge and Whalley".					
MM4	39	Key Statement DS1: Development Strategy	Second paragraph- afterat Standen, add "and the borough's principle settlements, development will be allocated to defined settlements listed in this policy".					
MM5	39	Key Statement DS1:	New third parag table below]	New third paragraph- add "The defined settlements are" [insert table below]				
		Development	Barrow	Downham	Mellor Brook	Sawley		
		Strategy	Billington	Dunsop Bridge	Newton	Slaidburn		
			Bolton by Bowland	Gisburn	Osbaldeston	Tosside		
			Brockhall	Grindleton	Pendleton	Waddington		
			Calderstones	Holden	Read & Simonstone	West Bradford		
			Chatburn	Hurst Green	Ribchester	Wilpshire		
			Chipping	Langho	Rimington	Wiswell		
			Copster Green	Mellor	Sabden	Worston		
MM6	39	Key Statement DS1: Development Strategy	Council will have designations w development to	ve regard to hen establish be allocated set out as	the AONB, Gree ing the scale, of I under this po	development, the en Belt and similar extent and form of llicy. The relevant trategic framework		

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MM7	41	Paragraph 4.11	New Paragraph (after table of housing distribution) The housing model makes a modelled assumption based on a number of dwellings averaged across the defined settlements. It is important to bare in mind an average; some settlements will accommodate more, whilst others, due to their recognised constraints may accommodate less. The Council will use the Core Strategy framework to set out the patterns and scale of growth through the Housing & Economic DPD.			
MM8	41	Paragraph 4.11	The impact of this strategy in relation to the strategic pattern of distribution is detailed in Appendix 2 to the Core Strategy. In summary this development strategy means that the following distribution of housing results in: Location Residual number of houses required for each settlement 17 Clitheroe 230 Longridge 550 Whalley 215 Other settlements 732 Standen 1040 Total 2767 Footnote 17 at bottom of page 42 should now say: "As at 31 st March 2013- all applications that have been approved since will reduce this number".			
MM9	48	Key Statement EN3: Sustainable Development and Climate Change	Add text after carbon footprint. "The Council will assess applications against the current Code for Sustainable Homes, Lifetime Homes and Buildings for Life and BREEAM standards.			
MM10	66	Key Statement EC1: Business and Employment Development	Policy Statement to be updated with revised employment land requirements including non B1, B2 and B8 uses together with relevant retail floor space following consultation on evidence base.			

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MM11	69	Key Statement EC2: Development of Retail, Shops and Community Facilities	Provision for new comparison retail floor space of up to 2630 sq			
MM12	56	Chapter 6: Housing	KEY STATEMENT H1: HOUSING PROVISION Land for residential development will be made available to deliver 4,000 5,000 dwellings, estimated at an average annual completion rate target of at least 200 250 dwellings per year over the period 2008 to 2028 in accordance with baseline information. The Council will identify through the relevant "Strategic Housing Land Availability Study" (SHLAA), sites for residential development that are deliverable over a five-year period. By reference to the housing land monitoring report and where appropriate Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments, the Council will endeavor to ensure housing land is identified for the full 15 year period and beyond. A 'plan-monitor-manage' approach will be adopted and a monitoring report will be the key tool in tracking the five-year rolling land supply. The overall housing requirement will be subject to a formal review within five years from the date of adoption of the Core Strategy to ensure it remains the appropriate strategic figure with which to plan.			
MM13	57	Paragraph 6.4	These figures will be treated as a minimum target unless otherwise determined. A phased approach to the release of land will be adopted as the most suitable way forward in delivering development land. Further detail on housing allocations will be given in the Housing and Economic DPD.			
MM14	151	Appendix 2	This Appendix provides information regarding the assessment of how residential development is to be distributed. The housing information uses the most recently published housing land availability information as at the 1 st -July 2012 31 st March 2013 in order to ensure that a clear base date is applied. It is important to note that any planning approvals since that date would need to be taken account of and consequently the residual number of houses shown in the table will be less. The Council publishes its housing land study quarterly.			

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MM15	151	Appendix 2	Number of Houses to provide 2008 - 2028 = 4 000 5000						
		Paragraph 15.1	The strategy model provides for a minimum of 1120 1440 of these units across other settlements.						
			4000 - 1120 = 2880 5000-1440 = 3560 houses to be provided by the 3 main settlement areas of Clitheroe, Longridge and Whalley. Revised footnote 20 to clarify as follows: This is calculated as the average across the other settlements equating to 45 dwellings per settlement. Actual provision will be a matter for the allocations process.						
MM16	152	Appendix 2 Paragraph	Residual number if houses required for each main settlement based on main settlement population						
		15.2	SETTLEMENT	Number of houses to be provided ²¹	Number of houses already completed/ permission given ²⁵ for each 'settlement'/ area (based on the Parish)	Unadjusted residual (less number already completed/ permission given)	Longridge adjust- ment ²²	Proposed Strategic Site - 1040 ²³	Residual number of houses required for each settlement ²⁴ (figure of 230 is result of Standen site subtracted from Clitheroe)
			Clitheroe	2065	795	1270	0		230
			Longridge	1032	282	750	200		550
			Whalley	463 1440	248 908	215	0		215
			Other Settlements	1440	300	532	732		732
1			Standen Total	5000	2233	2770	0	1040	1040 2767
			 ²¹ % used for devising residual number of houses is calculated from settlement population as a % of total main settlement population (see table below for data)- Clitheroe 58%, Longridge 29%, Whalley 13% ^{25 1} (Does not include sites which are awaiting completion of section 106 agreements at 31.03.2013 ²² This allowance reflects anticipated development in Preston Borough at Longridge- 200 taken from Longridge and reapportioned to the 'Other Settlements' ²³ Proposed Strategic Site- 1040 dwellings proposed at Standen ²⁴ As at 31st March 2013- applications have been approved since Core Strategy Reg 22 Composite Submitted Version 280912 						

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MM17	MM17 153 Appendix 2		Number of houses in supply as at 1st October 2011 plus proposed strategic site2033 (993 + 1040) 				
			Residual number of houses 1484 1727				
			Number of Houses to 4000 5000 provide 2008 - 2028				
			Update Proposed Housing Distribution pie charts.				