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Subject:

Clitheroe boundary change

The Forward Planning Team, re-Site 13, Highmoor Farm, Clitheroe,

I wish to raise an objection to the proposal to extend the Clitheroe town boundary around Highmoor Farm, the area of land indicated by Site 13.

I have spoken to the Assistant Planning Officer and have read many lengthy documents which he e-mailed to me.

After having read all these documents I realise that the provision of housing in the Borough of Ribble Valley and the Planning policies which interact with this are extremely complex, taking into account National and local issues.

However, I would object to the extension of Clitheroe boundary for the following reasons:

- 1) The Standen Hall development to the south west of Pendle Road potentially has 1,000 houses being built, possibly over 20 years, this will increase the population markedly from the current figure of 15,500 (May 2016) This increase will put pressure on existing services for health and education, as well as increasing traffic flow and increasing fumes from vehicle emissions on Pendle Road. Therefore additional housing a round Highmoor Farm would increase the problems already mentioned.
- 2) If permission was given to develop around Highmoor Farm it could set a precedent to develop further to the north side of Pendle Road.
- 3) The constant increase in house building in the whole town and therefore the increase in population is spoiling the small town aspect of Clitheroe.
- 4) The area of land under discussion to the north of Pendle Road is at present used for agricultural purposes, public footpaths cross the area and it is part of the "high quality environment of the Ribble Valley." For the balance of housing and population numbers to be sustainable this land should remain as green space which can be enjoyed by local people and visitors to the town.

