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From:

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Subject:

ADDITIONAL HOUSING SITE 13 HIGHMOOR FARM, CLITHEROE

Dear Sirs,

HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

I should like to object to the proposal for additional housing in the Clitheroe area.

I am objecting specifically to the request to widen the existing boundaries for Highmoor Farm which will allow a planning application for 100 houses to be submitted. Site 13.

The grounds for my objection are as follows:

LANNING PROCESS

The planning process has already granted permission for a large number of houses. Indeed it would appear that in every empty space (regardless of whether it was previously green field) houses are being built in the Clitheroe and surrounding area.

Whilst I think most people would agree that new housing is definitely needed, I feel to now to try to add on Additional housing is wrong and unnecessary. The houses yet to be built in the approved stage have not been sold.

VOLUME OF TRAFFIC

Safety, congestion, no parking areas.

Congestion at Shawbridge is bad now, with Lidl's, Taylor St and the Clitheroe inner by pass road all close together. Very difficult for pedestrians and drivers alike and a real safety issue, particularly with the number families and elderly people who live in that area, eg Pendle Court. A potential crash site. Health and safety must be paramount. With the already proposed 1,000 new houses (approx 2,000 cars) off Pendle Rd, driving around there is an accident waiting to happen.

I think it is reasonable to believe visitors will begin to avoid Clitheroe for shopping. It will just be 'too hard'. Roads congested, nowhere to park, queuing to get anywhere. They will find towns with better public amenities. I am speaking specifically about the areas off Pendle Road, but it is the same throughout Clitheroe.

SCHOOLS

The schools are full. All the additional children will mean that classes will be more crowded, teachers more strained, school resources even more stretched than they are already.

RVBC

Presumably RVBC/LCC have planned their future resources based on the approved development plan and with the influx of new people resources they will be stretched. Additional housing will further stretch resources.

GREEN FIELDS/ENVIRONMENTAL

There are not many areas around Clitheroe where the locals and tourists alike can still enjoy a walk without having to go out of town. Surely as a town who advertises itself as attractive to tourists, we should be protecting our environment and refusing to bow to pressure for Additional Housing. The public footpath and beautiful walk by Highmoor Farm will be reduced to a walk through a housing estate.

POTENTIAL LAND SELLERS.

The Grammar School and other large house owners with land, who are applying to sell outside the already agreed development, are really just finding a way to make money. They have seen an opportunity and want to take advantage of the opportunity. Again, I feel that considering the huge amount of building already planned off Pendle Road, that this is unreasonable and should not be allowed.

Finally I would just like to say that I do realise Clitheroe has to develop and I am supportive of progress.

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However, I feel Clitheroe now is over developed and enough is enough.



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