

To whom this may concern,

I am writing to put in my objection to the proposed housing development on site 13 Highmoor Park.

After living in Clitheroe all my life. I have grown disappointed in some of the decisions that have been put into place by Ribble Valley Borough Council.

With the threat of more new houses within the Clitheroe area, the question that needs to be asked is 'Do we really need any more houses?' Enough is enough!

As it stands we are already facing challenges throughout the town, with regards to the amount of houses being built? The health centre being one that comes to mind first, as for most trying to see your doctor and get an appointment at present is very testing. From personal experience, four days I had to wait for an appointment which ended up me being referred to hospital. Where are the plans to build some more health care facilities within the town? We haven't seen any of these.

Secondly schools, I would love once I have children for them to attend the same school that I did. The likely hood now of this happening will be very slim with more and more people moving into the town and taking these limited places as the schools which already are at full to capacity. When people like myself have lived here since birth and are struggling getting places.

Thirdly transport, around the peak times it is very difficult to be able to get out of Pendle road onto the bypass and even up Chatburn Road and Whalley Road is horrendous. I witnessed on 6th September as driving out of Clitheroe up Whalley Road, the queue of traffic travelling into Clitheroe was up to the junction turning to barrow!! What sense does it make to increase the amount of people travelling around Clitheroe and causing more and more congestion, pollution and increasing travel times for people, not forgetting access for emergency services? The roundabout currently being built at the top of Pendle Road will only attract more traffic coming into Clitheroe and the towns' infrastructure cannot cope with this.

All the houses that are being built within Clitheroe are taking away the prestige image that the town has created for itself for many years, with Clitheroe being a desired place to live for a number of years. By adding all these new houses and 'affordable living' is this image that we want for Clitheroe. Are you going to increase the size of the police force to cover for a larger town? The crime rate is surely going to rise and cause numerous issues. Is this the new image for Clitheroe? Looking from the top of the Castle at the beautiful countryside surroundings, soon this will be awash with houses!

Therefore, my objection is for the Ribble Valley Borough Council to reject the boundary change as currently Clitheroe has exceeded the housing requirement stated in the core strategy (2028) by 12%. With this the council has a 5.3 year housing land supply.

What is going to happen to all the older properties with people being given the chance to move into brand new properties? The heritage of the 'Little Market Town' is being destroyed by greedy people!

Other thoughts that are of concern, we have only just had a very hot summer and with the threat of a water shortage and Hose Pipe ban, how would we be able to manage with all the additional housing? Would we run out of water? And the amount of pollution that is going to be created with the increased number of vehicles, noise and impact on the environment, taking away fields that have been used for agriculture and the countryside that we are surrounded by. Local produce being

taken away by the building of houses on land that is being used to feed our animals! The land that also caters for our wildlife and animals that live within the countryside that you want to destroy?

Families that have lived in this town for generations and seen it grow and expand into a community that they love to be a part of is being spoilt!

The impact of site 13 would cause huge distress on the town regarding pollution, the environment and have a high impact on the highways.

I do believe that some careful consideration needs to be taken upon with this decision. For the future of our town! And not for the people who are greedy enough to think about money but about the community, surroundings and reputation that it will be destroying.

Yours Sincerely


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