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Town and Country Planning Act 1990

REFUSAL OF PERMISSION IN PRINCIPLE

APPLICATION NO: 3/2026/0810
DECISION DATE: 17 November 2026
DATE RECEIVED: 13/10/2026

APPLICANT:
Mr Andrew Thompson
Oak Tree Developments
C/o Agent

AGENT:
Mr Chris Betteridge
De Pol Associates
Farington House
Stanifield Business Park
Stanifield Lane
Leyland
PR25 4UA

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: Permission in Principle for up to nine dwellings and associated development.

AT: Land at Vicarage Lane Wilpshire

Ribble Valley Borough Council hereby give notice in pursuance of the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that permission **has been refused** for the carrying out of the above development for the following reason(s):

1 The application site is not suitable for a residential development of up to nine dwellings, having regard to its location, use and amount of development proposed. The proposed development would intensify vehicular use of Vicarage Lane, a constrained access route where insufficient evidence has been provided to demonstrate that the improvements necessary to secure safe and suitable access are deliverable. The proposal would therefore result in an unacceptable impact on highway safety, contrary to Policies DMG1 and DMG3 of the Ribble Valley Core Strategy and Policy TR6 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Note(s)

1. Applications for planning permission are assessed against the National Planning Policy Framework and the policies within the Core Strategy for the Ribble Valley. The Local Planning Authority adopts a positive and proactive manner and will consider representations, liaise with consultees, and seek amendments to proposals where appropriate within statutory timescales.
2. The proposal does not comprise sustainable development and there were no amendments to the scheme, or conditions that could reasonably have been imposed, which could have made the development acceptable. It was therefore not possible to approve the application.
3. This Decision Notice should be read in conjunction with the officer's report which is available to view on the website.

Nicola Hopkins

NICOLA HOPKINS
DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Notes

Right of Appeal

If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision, then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice unless the following apply:

- If this is a decision to refuse planning permission for a householder application or a minor commercial application, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 12 weeks of the date of this notice.
- If this is a decision on a planning application relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as is already the subject of an enforcement notice [reference], if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of this notice.
- If an enforcement notice is served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within: 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or within 6 months [12 weeks in the case of a householder appeal] of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.

Appeals should be made online via https://appeal-planning-decision.service.gov.uk/before-you-start. If someone does not have access to the internet and needs help completing the appeal digitally, they should contact the Planning Inspectorate customer service team on 0303 444 5000 who will provide details of support options available.

Before making an appeal, you may find it helpful to review guidance and watch a video explaining the appeals process at https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/make-an-appeal-to-the-planning-inspectorate-and-associated-guidance.

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.