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Dear Sir,

In response to your recent modifications to the RVBC Core Strategy – whilst fundamentally I am in agreement with this, there are a number of issues which I wish to raise:

The scale of the developments proposed by both Barratt and Taylor Wimpey would have a serious impact on the services and infrastructure of Longridge and as such due consideration should be given to restricting these in size and the type of houses which are actually required.

The original Longridge adjustment of 200 which took into account the development to the west of Longridge at the site of the Ridings Depot in the Preston Borough should now be reviewed to reflect the subsequent application made by Gladman Developments for a further 190 units at this site, the 78 already granted permission at another location on Whittingham Lane and a further smaller development of 14 units on Inglewhite Road. Common sense would suggest that the occupants of all these properties will be utilising the resources of Longridge town – despite them being granted permission by a neighbouring authority and that not making a further allowance for these in the adjustment figure would be an error of judgement.

I believe as a community we recognise that a degree of new housing is required but that RVBC needs to exercise a degree of empathy when considering the impact that developments of this size and nature will have on our community. The development of the existing smaller brown field sites in and around Longridge for starter homes / retirement / affordable housing be of benefit to those who really need to get on the housing ladder as well as improving the aesthetics of the town itself. The scale of the proposals will be incredibly disruptive to day to day life for many of us with the noise levels, dirt and increased traffic and the prospect of living on a building site for what could be a further 7 years doesn't bear thinking about.

I urge you to ask the planning committee to make their decisions based on a considered and well thought through basis.

Yours faithfully

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