

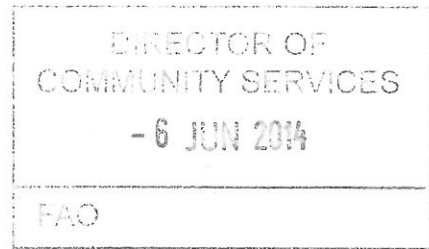
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June 3rd 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

REF: Core Strategy

I am writing concerning the Core Strategy for the Ribble Valley, as shown on your website.

I agree in principle to the plans as shown, but strongly believe that consideration should be given in view of the fact that Longridge is under extreme pressure due to large-scale building plans already passed. I therefore recommend that an adjustment should be made based on the impact and pressure that will be placed on Longridge facilities (highways, schools, health care, drainage, sewers, public spaces etc.) and the negative affects on the natural environment, as a result of the decisions of Preston Borough Council. These include passing plans for 220 units of Whittingham Road (former Ridings depot), and the application for a further 190 houses adjacent to this site by Gladman developments. I understand that 200 of those passed have been allowed to offset against the number of houses 'required' to be built in Longridge. Their potential application of 190 more should certainly be deducted from the total 'required' to be built as well.

There are a further 78 houses passed on Whittingham Lane and 14 around the football pitch on Inglewhite Road. It seems clear that these should also be taken into consideration. Therefore, a total of 282 houses need to be offset against the Longridge allocation. This would reduce the total to a more sustainable figure for Longridge.

I trust that RVBC will take the above action, and firmly adhere to it, to prevent further destruction of our town and the surrounding environment. Hopefully, having the core strategy in place will also ensure this.

Thank you for your time

Yours faithfully

Josie Leonard
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To Whom It May Concern:

Ref: Proposed Barratt's Development Land East of Chipping Lane
3/2014/0438

As a resident of Longridge, I am writing in objection to the scale of the above development.

Environmental Impact:

The site of the proposed development is an area of outstanding natural beauty and is currently used as grazing land for livestock. As such, it is inhabited by a diverse wildlife and the hedgerows and fields support and encourage this diversity. Turning this valuable green space into a housing estate would destroy not only the beauty of this part of Longridge but also the habitats of the wildlife. This seems to be contrary to government guidelines regarding greenbelts, and therefore threatens the fragile boundaries of the town. It is also against recent warnings by the Lancashire Wildlife Trust regarding loss of field habitats.

The sterile hedgerows and urban-landscaping proposed by Barratt's would be an unacceptable substitute for the loss of this green space.

Highways:

The road network in Longridge is already heavily used, and will not sustain the huge increase in traffic this development would bring.

No efforts have been made to talk to the people who use these roads on a daily basis, and the narrow roads, which are a pleasant characteristic of Longridge, should not be burdened with this large increase in users. The traffic from this development will cause congestion in the town and threaten the peace of surrounding country lanes, many of which are used by walkers and cyclists as 'Quiet Lanes'

Finally, the development will add to an already well-used commuter route to Preston and the motorway. The new houses at Alston (Miller homes) already pose issues regarding the congestion and safety of this road and this development will certainly intensify this.

Drainage

There are major drainage issues for this site, which appear to have been ignored by the developers. The site is known to have a history of flooding, and current residents of the area have clear evidence of the extent of this. The sewers will not be able to cope; the collapsed gardens on the new Cromwell Fields site exemplify the effects of failing to take drainage into account. A development of this size will clearly be similarly affected, particularly as the area is prone to water-logging. This further

points to the unsuitability of the area for such intense development.

Infrastructure:

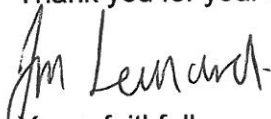
The facilities in Longridge are clearly inadequate for this large increase in population. Schools, health centres and police services would not be able to absorb this addition to the community and this would have a negative impact on the community in general.

This plan does not account for the hundreds of houses passed by Preston Borough Council, (Whittingham Lane/ Halfpenny Lane/ Alston/ Inglewhite Road etc). These will also be reliant upon the infrastructure and services of Longridge itself, which cannot and should not have to cope.

It is therefore clear that this development should not be considered in isolation from the other proposed developments and ones which are already going ahead (Dilworth Lane/ Chapel Hill/ Cromwell Fields plus the aforementioned large-scale developments passed by PBC). Together they present an enormous threat to a vibrant and attractive rural town, which is supposed to represent the gateway to the Ribble Valley, an area of outstanding natural beauty and rich rural heritage.

After listening to Barratt's at their public consultation, it seems clear that have paid little consideration to the impact of this large development on the community. Questions posed by concerned residents remain unanswered. Their plans are clearly for short term gain. As such the number of houses needs serious reconsideration and these developers need pressurizing to make some real contribution to the town through contributions to facilities and improvements that will most certainly be required should this and other developments go ahead

Thank you for your time


Yours faithfully,

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