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From: Geoff Dawson [geoffreygdawson@aol.com]
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To: Post Hearings
Subject: Longridge overdevelopment - Barratts

Dear Sirs,

I would like to add my voice to the Save Longridge Campaign's opinion which is as follows :

Preston Council have already passed the 220 houses on Halfpenny lane and 200 of these have been allowed to be offset against the number of houses required to be built in Longridge. They are considering an application for a further 190 houses. Should this be passed by Preston Council then by the precedent already set on the 220 houses, surely these additional 190 should be also deducted from this number. There are a further 78 houses passed on the Chicken Farm on Whittingham Lane and 14 around the Football pitches on Inglewhite Road. All things being equal these should also be taken into consideration, so in all a total of 282 houses to be offset against the Longridge allocation. Deduct this from the 633 houses that has been suggested and it leaves a figure of only 351 to be built in our area over the next 14 years. As Longridge residents I think we would all be happy to accept this.

I would like to add that even these are really too many.

The infrastructure is already at capacity. Berry Lane is packed with traffic. The route to/from the motorway through Grimsargh is now experiencing major traffic jams. (Will Helicopters be supplied to take urgent cases to Preston Royal Infirmary?). Doctors' surgeries are full. Drainage and sewers won't cope (I've seen raw sewage going down a stream towards the Ribble). Quality of Life is being destroyed.

If more people are housed in Longridge (and the other local centres) they will merely join the daily traffic jams on the M6 and M61 to go to work. I know – I was one!

I can appreciate that everyone is working hard to meet requirements forced on the council by the government in Westminster, and everyone has done their best, but this Core Strategy is a Disaster!

Yours Sincerely,

Geoff Dawson
Longridge