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I write once again to express concern regarding proposed building in and around the Longridge area. We apparently have to accept the Core Strategy with its projection that 5,600 houses will be needed in the Ribble Valley between 2008 – 2028. One wonders where Mr. Simon Berkeley actually got his jobs growth projection from! Where actually are the job opportunities which will encourage people to live in this part of the Ribble Valley – yes there will be jobs for the building trade but only short term. More jobs in the Ribble Valley would reduce the need for people to travel to work.

Evidence from people moving into Rowland Homes on the Dilworth Triangle is that they are coming from as far afield as Manchester to live here and prepared to commute each day down the M6/M61.

We are told that the proposed homes over the next 15 – 20 years are much needed but we cannot seem to find evidence to suggest that this is the case.

The 400 Longridge residents who turned up at the annual Town Council meeting were people who care deeply about Longridge and this community.

Ribble Valley Borough Council have now received a planning application for Phase 1 of a proposed Barratt's development of 106 units. I strongly object to this development which will take much needed farm land, will spoil the vista around the cricket field area, will add to the current traffic congestion and will cause further problems with already overloaded sewers.

Taylor Wimpy will undoubtedly follow on with a similar planning application – this time for over 200 houses in the Dilworth area.

Add to that all the ones Preston CC have approved on the Longridge border -

220 off Whittingham Road
190 adjacent to that site
78 Moss Far
14 D. J. Ryans

Then more on Preston Road around Spout Farm.

Surely Longridge's housing requirement should be reduced further in view of this.

We keep overlooking that Ribble Valley has also already passed for housing land owned by United Utilities at Chapel Hill, Longridge.

Where is all this going to end and who is going to keep track of these figures? Even with the core strategy in place one fears that more and more planning applications will be accepted.

Can we be assured that our Councillors will pay particular attention to the style, material used, size etc. etc. of all these proposed housing developments because they would seem to have had little input into the Rowland Homes design – many of those houses incidentally are still to be sold and the price has already been reduced by £20,000 per property. So much for much needed homes!!

At least if we are to have homes can they be in keeping with the environment around them – be built in an appropriate style and in material which blends with the local area – and be appropriate to meet so called local need.

The Government seem hell-bent on increasing the number of houses at any price. Nigel Evans our MP signed the Save Longridge petition. Please Longridge Town Councillors, Ribble Valley Councillors, Lancashire County Councillors do not hide behind people like to Save Longridge group. Please stand up and be counted and do all you can to preserve the Ribble Valley. Once the houses are built large areas of Countryside around Clitheroe, Longridge, Whalley etc. will be lost for ever. We have one final chance to stop plans for excessive development. The local people are prepared to fight for this area – can we have faith that our councillors are prepared to do so.

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