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**RVBC Forward Planning Re: Site 10 Employment land at Higher College Farm. (Mark Hurst) EAL3 Regulation 19 'HED DPD PUBLICATION CONSULTATION'**

As former resident of Woodville Cottage Hothersall, now resident of Longridge I am writing to strongly oppose the above.

My husband was fatally injured in a road traffic accident outside our house and near the proposed access to this site on Blackburn Road. When my husband died at the roadside leaving me widowed at the age of 26 I was 7 months pregnant, I was left to bring up 4 boys under the age of 5 alone, only our eldest son has any memory of his father. I can barely remember now how I got through the ordeal and only with family help and after some years moved onto Lower Lane.

This location on the B6243 is a well known accident black spot. The red raised warning markings on the road were introduced after my husband was killed and unbelievably the site entrance is to be located west of the red raised road surface close to one of two busy junctions and a blind bend the site of a second pedestrian fatality. Whilst living at Woodville cottage I witnessed an HGV accident which blocked the road for several hours on exactly the same spot my husband died, traffic has increased considerably since to an unsustainable level.

There have been many such accidents on this stretch of Blackburn Road, both junctions and bends are extremely dangerous, quite simply the road is not suitable for additional heavy traffic including HGV this site will create. Will planners commission an extensive traffic survey particularly regarding Goods vehicles?

Furthermore the site will generate excessive through traffic on local roads beyond Hothersall especially HGV and other Diesel Goods vehicles past St Cecilia's and Grimsargh Village primary schools which are located on the busy B6243 and various pinch points en-route to motorways.. Traffic will inevitably pass two playgrounds, a cycle path, bridleway and public footpaths which all either cross or join Blackburn road almost opposite the proposed site access. Traffic queues constantly in order to negotiate narrow roads, junctions and bridges particularly for any vehicle wider than the average car. When Diesel vehicles are idling, moving slowly or revving the amount of airborne pollutants are increased to dangerous levels putting the health of our children at risk.

The local 'Core Strategy' promotes the A59 corridor as THE area to be developed for Industry in the Ribble Valley. In particular I draw your attention to Policy DMG1 General Considerations-Regarding site Access:

1. Consider Traffic Implications.
2. **ENSURE SAFE ACCESS CAN BE PROVIDED** Which is suitable to accommodate the scale and type of traffic likely to be generated.
3. Consider the protection of Public rights of Way
4. The proposals should be well related to the existing highway network and should not generate additional Traffic movements of a scale likely to cause undue problems or disturbance.

I trust planners will follow planning law together with a modicum of common sense and reject the proposed site!

