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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'**

We object to the above which will cause an increase in traffic especially HGV and other Diesel vehicles through Grimsargh Village. We are extremely concerned for the health of our three young children who attend St Michaels Primary School in the village. The school is located adjacent to the busy B6243, the playground is a stones throw from the narrow Skew Bridge. Traffic queues relentlessly in order to negotiate the narrow bridge principally for any vehicle wider than the standard car. When Diesel vehicles are idling, moving slowly or revving the amount of airborne pollutants are increased to dangerous levels. It is obvious even to the lay person this proposal will not "maintain or even reduce current air quality levels" it will raise pollution to unsafe levels.

*"It is recommended that the Council should actively promote sustainable transport wherever possible and seek to increase sustainable transport provisions in order to help maintain or even reduce current air quality levels".*  
(Source: HED DPD Reg 19 doc-2017)

**Our major concerns and objections:**

- Significant increase of traffic on B6243 past one High school and two primary schools
- The proposed site will increase car journeys including HG vehicles mainly through Grimsargh to access the Motorways and Trunk Roads network.
- The village bridge suffers repeatedly from damage caused by HGV traffic, through roads are in a appalling condition
- The bridge is adjacent to our children's primary school, vehicles constantly queue at the bridge airborne Diesel Particulate pollution levels are at their highest levels whilst vehicles are queuing and are therefore of chief concern to parents
- EU and Government directives regarding reducing pollution levels near schools are of paramount importance in this particular planning decision

*"Legal limits are set for schools that are within 150 metres of nitrogen dioxide NO2 pollution levels that exceed the EU legal limit and 'schools in areas of illegally toxic levels of NO2." (source: EU and UK GOV: Emissions Pollution, Diesel particulate Legislation)*

The Ribble Valley 'Core Strategy' highlights the 'A59 corridor as a suitable location for Industry. There are any number of empty warehouses available and large tracts of land closer to the M6 J31a which would be more sensible options for Distribution Warehousing development site. HGV traffic is decimating our village and causing unknown levels of pollution for school children. Please look to alternative sites away from ALL schools.

