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Forward Planning
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Dear Sir or Madam

**RE: HED DPD CONSULTATION – Regulation 19 Document (page 17) Policy
EAL3: Land at Higher College Farm, Blackburn Road, Longridge**

I wish to object to the proposed inclusion of the above site in any future plans or strategies for development as an industrial site at the above location on the grounds that the local road infrastructure is inadequate to facilitate development of this type of land use and increases in traffic, particularly HGV vehicles will cause major traffic hold ups and disruption to residents living along the main routes to and from the motorways and local towns/cities.

I reference in particular the junction by the Corporation Arms which is an accident black spot and where there have been several incidents involving crashes with cars, motorcycles and pedestrians – I have personally witnessed a collision between a motorcycle and car at this point. The Highways Authority has deemed it necessary to cover the road surface in a special material in an effort to reduce speeds and reduce the likelihood of accidents on this stretch of the road leading to the land under consideration. I believe that any vehicles accessing the site under consideration will inevitably cause traffic to back up and increase the risk of further serious accidents occurring.

In addition, the route through Ribchester to the proposed development is not appropriate for articulated HGVs and traffic travelling from Preston/M6 Junction 31A will have to pass through Grimsargh which already suffers from severe congestion at peak periods and on a road which has seen multiple vehicle accidents and fatalities. This situation will not get any better with the increase number of houses being built along this route. The change of use of this site will only exasperate this situation and add to traffic congestion, pollution and increased risk of accidents.

Furthermore, I would ask that any future strategy and determination of land use takes into account the bigger picture of the availability of industrial land and premises located in adjacent boroughs. Creating walls and boundaries for Ribble Valley that ignore massive development sites such as Red Scar and the land adjacent to junction 31A is a gross error as people and businesses are not bound by these false restrictions but those living in this borough will have to live with the consequences of any blinkered decisions.

Yours sincerely