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To Whom it May Concern at Ribble Valley Borough Council

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are writing as local residents to express our views to the plans for the sites, Wilpshire 1, 2 & 3 being considered for potential building in Wilpshire.

With respect to the sites Wilpshire 1 & 2, which we understand have already been rejected for new building, we very strongly support this decision and would vehemently oppose any change in this. The Council will already be aware that the sites are very difficult to access, as one is off an unmade bridlepath and in any event the two of these even taken together would not be enough to satisfy the remaining 34 or so dwellings required to be built in Wilpshire during the current 2008-2028 plan.

With respect to the site designated Wilpshire 3 we strongly believe that this land should be considered to be taken into the Wilpshire settlement boundary as it is positioned close to transport links, railway/buses and A666. There is already an access road in place from the A666, and the area of land is large enough to satisfy immediate needs of the current plan and also the future plan beyond 2028.

You will of course be aware this leaves land on the Blackburn side of the electricity pylons and that there are already in place some good specimen trees on the proposed site. From the environmental as well as the aesthetic perspective, we believe that it is clear these should be protected.

To conclude, building on land Wilpshire 1 & 2 sites and in any way interfering with the Open Spaces would severely and negatively effect the nature of Wilpshire as an area, cause intolerable traffic increases and noise pollution; and also interfere with the natural habitats and wildlife around us. The entire nature of Wilpshire would change for those of us living here and we believe it is simply imperative that this does not happen.

Yours faithfully

