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Dear Sirs,

Re: HED DPD Reg 19 Publication Consultation

Billington and Langho Parish Council have asked me to review the above document and make representations.

The Council strongly supports the suggested approach of RVBC towards site 2 (PRN No.9051, Page 27), submitted by Hallam Land Management, comprising 20.57 ha. These agricultural fields are an essential part of the valley landscape, and their development would permanently scar the visual amenity of much of the village of Langho,

Indeed, Longridge Fell, beyond the River Calder north west from Hurst Green, is also visible from Langho, constituting part of the Forest of Bowland AONB. There are strong environmental grounds for additional landscape protection to be given to this valley landscape north west of the Blackburn- Clitheroe railway line.

The Council supports RVBC towards site 3 (PRN No.9126, Page 27), comprising 52 ha around Carr Hall, seeing NO exceptional justification for extending business developments into the existing Green Belt.

The Council supports RVBC towards site 1 (PRN No. 9119), comprising the 1.5 ha. in the triangle bordered by the A59, A666 and Northcote Road South. It would certainly not favour employment use of this field.

The Council supports RVBC's proposals on Policy OS1 for additional Open Space Sites at Brockhall(Map 5) and North West of Langho(Map 6).

On a more general point, the Council is keen to see land protected from development near to the River Calder at Billington in the Longworth Road area. In December 2015, for example, there was flooding of some houses and a factory there - the meadows between the end of Longworth Road and the A59 could be liable in the future to further flooding with continuing climate change.

Outside the parish, the Council supports continuing provision of employment sites across the Borough. It is pleased to see that the 'brownfield' site in Simonstone (near the old TIME factory) is included for redevelopment.

Yours faithfully,

