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Dear Sirs

Please accept this email as my objection to the proposal to include the above development as an amendment to the strategic housing plan.

Whilst I readily accept the need to build houses, my objection is to the scale of the development already planned and being delivered in the area around Pendle Road, namely Standen Farm (1,050 properties), Peel Park Avenue (34 properties), the old grammar school development (8 properties). In my view, a further development of 100 properties unreasonably concentrates new housing development in a specific area.

- I am concerned that in the area around Pendle Road, there is too much green space being lost, my wife and I walk across the fields daily, and have already lost the fields between Pendle Road and Standen Hall. Once these fields are developed they are lost forever.
- I am concerned that insufficient thought has been given to the traffic on Pendle Road. I accept that a roundabout is being built at the junction with the A59, but I advocated this even before any thoughts of in excess of 1,000 new families and associated vehicles moving into the area, given that the junction was badly designed, and was far too frequently subject to horrific collisions.

Looking at the Clitheroe area in general I feel that all the approved developments in addition to those around Pendle Road (Edisford Road, Littlemoor, Woone Lane to name a few) are not aligned with the development of the infrastructure necessary to support the influx of families to the area, and whilst there may be plans for infrastructure I am not aware of them, nor do I see any infrastructure changes (doctors, schools, roads, car parking, bus and train services).

I do not understand why there is a strategic housing plan which identifies areas for development, which can then, it seems, be amended to shift development away from the villages and concentrate it in Clitheroe, it doesn't seem unreasonable that the load should be shared equally across the area.

Ultimately my concern is that Clitheroe will lose its unique character and will become just like any other satellite town of a large city. The residents will not take pride in their local environment, they will not shop locally, they will not use local facilities, and there will not be the green spaces with which the Ribble Valley draws visitors.

My wife and I are seriously considering leaving the area.