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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to proposed plans to put forward 3 sites in Clitheroe as suitable for development. I have concerns that approving these sites as suitable for development may have an irrevocable detrimental effect to the local community and Clitheroe for many years to come.

I believe the suggested developments in Clitheroe include 1) Chatburn Rd, Clitheroe, 2) Hawthorne Pl, Clitheroe and 3) Highmoor Farm, Clitheroe.

These developments could total 180 new houses.

I am aware that new amount of housing in Clitheroe has risen exponentially in recent years and continues to do so.

I believe the infrastructure in place is currently barely sufficient for the current number of houses, let alone the hundreds of houses already being built.

I believe that allowing further building without significant improvement to infrastructure first would be disastrous to our local community.

I have worked in Clitheroe for 4 years and lived here for half of that time.

I am a local GP.

I have seen my practices list size increase by over 10% in that time and it continues to rise every month.

The health centre is small and aging. There is little room to expand or house new members of staff needed to serve the growing community.

There are no new schools being built. My son is due to start at school this year at Pendle.

The class sizes are already full to capacity and I do not see how a larger population can be served by the current schools.

Traffic in and out of Clitheroe is very busy and this will only worsen with an increasing population.

All of these concerns cannot be fully assessed now as houses are being built as this consultation takes place. Hundreds of new houses are to be made and I do not see how further land can be made suitable for development without the current new housing and the demands this will put upon the current services are assessed.

I urge you not to find the proposed sites suitable without large investment in infrastructure first.

Yours Sincerely

