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Re: Objection to the proposed changes to Clitheroe settlement boundary.

To Whom It May Concern

We are writing to raise our objection to the proposed town settlement boundary changes that would allow building on the following 3 sites in Clitheroe, as follows:

MM1 – Site 15 – Chatburn Road (NE Portion only)

MM2 – Site Devpr 3 – Land of Hawthorne Place

MM3 – Site 13 – Highmoor Farm

As well as further increasing the pressure on traffic, town amenities & public services, we are particularly concerned with the devastating damage to the ecology on these sites. In particular the largest of the sites around Highmoor Farm.

This site is in open countryside with beautiful landscapes, used & enjoyed by local residents & walkers on a frequent basis. The site is prime agricultural land and has been used for this purpose for hundreds of years. I am aware that there is a list of farmers who would gladly rent the land from CRGS but have of course been refused.

My main concern however is to the fauna & flora on this site. Any development of the site will rip out several miles of ancient hedgerows, require cutting down of dozens of trees, and bring devastation to a multitude of fauna, including small mammals such as bats, and many birds' species, including migratory species who are spotted in this area.

We do not understand why such an outstanding area of natural beauty enjoyed by many residents is being considered, when there must surely be other sites in the surrounding villages or brown field within the town settlement boundary.

We urge you to reconsider the proposal & reject these sites. Once they are gone they will never be recovered.

