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Dear Sir/Madam

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I am writing re the Council's plans for new housing to be built on Greenfield land at the end of Hawthorne Place, Clitheroe, referred to as Site Devpr3 on your proposed plan. We have lived at 44 Hawthorne Place, situated at the end of the cul de sac by the farm gate, adjacent to the field, for over 14yrs. We enjoy views of Pendle Hill and the pastureland used by the farmer for his sheep and cattle along with visits from hedgehogs and the darting bats at eventide whilst sat in the garden. It is a peaceful and idyllic location which will be badly compromised by this development and will consequently deny us our right to privacy and the quiet enjoyment of our house, garden and it's environs (as enshrined in the Human Rights Act protocol 1 Articles 1 and 8) We shall also be overshadowed by the adjacent new houses as the morning sun presently comes over Pendle Hill onto our garden and greenhouse

The proposed site is also prone to flooding during prolonged rainfall or flash flooding. This results in water pouring out of the field via the hard standing under the farm gate and onto the road with accompanying slurry. We also have standing water in the field next to our fence after heavy rain which seeps under our fence onto our side path. The development will result in loss of any natural drainage and could exacerbate the problem.

Directly opposite our house is a well maintained children's play area enjoyed by our grandchildren and many other young children in the area. The entrance to the play area is directly onto Hawthorne Place and is not a road safety issue at present as it is at the end of the cul de sac with no passing traffic. If this development goes ahead then the potential danger to these young children is greatly increased as traffic travelling in both directions goes directly past the entrance. The chances are parents will not let their young children play there without supervision and it's use will decline leaving it to teenage smokers and drinkers to use it with all the ensuing hassle for the neighbours and Police.

On a related issue we feel that access to any new development will be made even more difficult with the arrival of more cars to use Hawthorne Place going to and from Waddington Rd. With limited off road parking as you approach Waddington Rd junction it becomes a "one way street," with cars, vans and pickup trucks parked on both sides. It is not unusual in my experience to have to reverse some distance to allow oncoming traffic to pass especially as they turn right into Hawthorne place from Waddington Rd. We are enthusiastic caravanners and tow the van down to the house to load/unload it before returning it to the storage site/or going away. Returning on two occasions recently we have had to knock on peoples' doors to request they move their parked vehicles so I can get past and on one occasion I was straddled across Waddington Rd with the van, as cars parked on either side of Hawthorne Place blocked my entrance until they turned up to move them. I found this a frustrating and dangerous situation and one I fear will be more common as lorries and other wide vehicles turn into the street from Waddington Road and cannot get down causing a jam on an already busy Waddington Rd.

In summary we oppose this development as being immediately adjacent to the Greenfield site it will impact adversely on our privacy and the quiet enjoyment of our house and garden that we are entitled to in law. There are also going to be overshadowing issues due to the orientation of our house in relation to the proposed development. I have also detailed traffic and access issues along with the hazards to the play area, We bought into a quiet cul de sac with views of the field and Pendle Hill, and to enjoy its wildlife; if this development goes ahead the quality of the lives of ourselves and our neighbours will be diminished considerably and irreversibly.

If you wish to contact us or visit to discuss any issues raised we will be more than happy to do so. Please keep us informed of any developments.

Yours faithfully,

