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Dear Sir Madam,

I am writing to express my total objection to the proposal to widen the existing settlement boundaries at Highmoor Farm to allow for an additional 100 houses to be built.

As you know, Clitheroe is undergoing major development at the moment especially in this area of town. The new housing development between the A59 and Pendle Road will extensively increase traffic in the area and subject the town's infrastructure to an enormous increase in population. I think the proposal will lead to even more issues regarding the safety of the roads in this area, specifically the small roundabout at the junction to Highmore Park and Pendle Road. It is already a dangerous junction with traffic often very heavy and often too fast. The new roundabout on the A59 will greatly increase traffic on Pendle Road because in the past there was no right turn if travelling west, and in addition to this there will be the many cars from the hundreds of new houses that are being built. To increase the traffic further due to this proposed development would be dangerous and unacceptable.

Also to be taken into account is the destruction of habitat the development would cause. I regularly cycle in this area and have seen brown hares in the fields, there is not enough brown hare habitat in the UK and it's further destruction in this area would be detrimental to the bio-diversity in the area. Also of note are the ancient hedgerows which are another invaluable wildlife resource which can never be replaced. The greenbelt around Clitheroe is rich and diverse and to destroy the wonderful corridor of wildlife in this area of Highmoor Farm would be a tragedy. Too much disruption has already occurred in the development over the road and to accept the same destruction so close by would be totally unacceptable. I think it is extremely important to protect and conserve the network of mature hedgerows and trees that contribute to the distinctive landscape and sensitive ecology in this area.

In conclusion I strongly oppose the proposal to widen the existing settlement boundaries at Highmoor Farm to allow for an additional 100 houses to be built due to the added pressures on the already unsafe roads and due to the loss of ecological, historic character of the greenbelt area of Highmoor Farm.

Please note my official objection and I look forward to receiving your feedback

Yours faithfully

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GREEN FIELDS/ENVIRONMENTAL

At one time Green fields would never have been built on. There is a public footpath past the Highmoor farm and up through the fields to the old A59 with the most beautiful views. Anyone can walk up there. To have such beautiful land and then build on it deprives the people of Clitheroe and any tourists to the area of a wonderful opportunity. Once it is surrounded by houses, we have lost this for ever.

There are not many areas around Clitheroe where the locals and tourists alike can still enjoy a walk without having to go out of town. Surely, as a town which advertises itself as attractive to tourists, we should be protecting our environment and refusing to bow to pressure for Additional Housing.
We do not need Additional Housing

POTENTIAL LAND SELLERS.

The Grammar School and other large house owners with land, who are applying to sell outside the already agreed development, are really just finding a way to make money. They have seen an opportunity and want to take advantage of it. Again, I feel that considering the huge amount of building already planned off Pendle Road, that this is unreasonable and should not be allowed. **We do not need Additional Housing**

Finally I would just like to say that I do realise Clitheroe has to develop and I am supportive of progress.

I just love Holmes Mill, The Grand, Fat Face, new shops/restaurants and Yoga studios actually in Clitheroe itself! The recent events in town this year have been fantastic.

Surely though, enough is enough. Let's not spoil a beautiful unique historic market town by just adding more and more houses. Whilst welcoming newcomers lets ensure that the existing home owners, who are currently paying the taxes, are made to feel that Clitheroe is still the place they wish to live.

Yours sincerely



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