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I am appalled to read of the latest 'proposed development' at land near Siddows Farm, Clitheroe. It looks like this had been a deliberately low key effort to let the town know of this particular development. The only way I found out about this is through the Planning Column in the Clitheroe Advertiser, dated August 16th.

I have yet to meet a person in the Ribble Valley who thinks these new houses are a good idea. This development would realistically bring another 150 – 200 cars to the Henthorn area. How are they going to leave town? I'm pretty sure the occupants won't be working in Clitheroe, and even if they are they won't be walking. They will advance up Henthorn Rd, turn right at the nightmare crossroads to head over the level crossings, turn left up Woone Lane, and continue on Whalley Rd to the A59. This particular route is ridiculously over used but because of every damn housing application being passed, it's no surprise.

With the traffic for Ribblesdale School, the level crossing barriers going down, and the sheer amount of people crossing roads, this route is a disaster. Buses pulling out of Turner St, taxis parked at the bus stop opposite the several takeaways on Whalley Rd and reducing traffic flow, all delay traffic especially first thing in a morning and between 3pm-6pm.

What about the loss of yet another piece of green land? Where does the extra water supply come from? More and more disruption by digging up roads for gas, broadband etc. Where is all the extra sewage from these homes going to go? Should there surely not be another road linking Henthorn Road to the A59 with the current new builds, let alone this unnecessary development.

The bottom end of Henthorn Road isn't meant for heavy traffic. It is a country road that hasn't been enlarged in any way since building started in the last five years or so. We will have more lorries, cement mixers, diggers all heading down there (probably via Whalley Rd and causing even more congestion). We will have delays. We will have unhappy residents. Where will the new families put their children in terms of already overcrowded schools? Where will they go