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Regeneration & Housing,  
HEP DPD Submission,  
your ref. P.Mods.22. HEPDP,  
R.V.B.C.,  
Council Office,  
Church Walk,  
CLITHEROS, B67 5RA.

Dear Sir,

Housing & Economic Development Plan Document,  
Consultation on proposed main modifications,  
Additional Housing Sites

With reference to the above and land at Highmoor Farm, owned by Clitheroe R.C.S. and earmarked to accommodate 100 houses, we wish to make the following observations concerning the proposed housing development on a site, which, if allowed would be:

(i) very close to a site where 1050 houses are already being allowed to be built (on the Standen Estate), a development in itself which will have a considerable detrimental effect on the infrastructure of Clitheroe in terms of traffic congestion, in relation to access onto Pendle Road and in the town itself. Pendle Road is already a busy thoroughfare with traffic queuing to get onto the A59, the Whalley Road junction with Moor Lane is congested most of the day as is Whalley Road itself with its narrowness and with vehicles parked on both sides of the road. In addition, this proposed development would create additional traffic coming off the Highmoor Park estate at the mini-roundabout on Pendle Road - and beyond.

(ii). Adding a further 100 houses, many of which will be bought by young families, will create extra pressure on school places,

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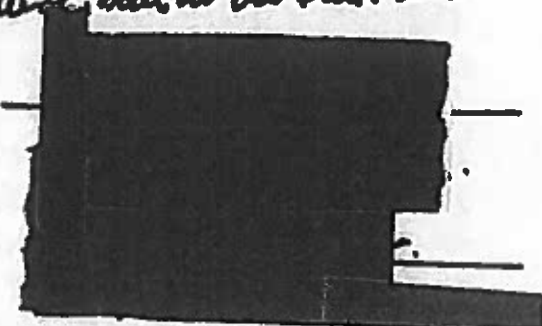
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at both Primary and Secondary levels. Health provision for Clitheroe's existing population will also be compromised with the influx of extra people needing to register with local GPs. Also, from a health point of view, Clitheroe is, at the moment, surrounded by farmland and acting as "lungs" for the town. Further housing development is reducing this "buffer" zone, and will increase air pollution (from both traffic and houses, with housing being allowed wood-burning stoves).

(iii). allowing Clitheroe R.G.S. Foundation, as a registered charity, to maximise its assets (for the benefit of the school - its pupils). However, 1554 in, no way, relates to the town of Clitheroe in 2018: any school today does, of course, have an obligation to its pupils, but it should also be seen to be part of a wider community: without this community, which it serves, it would itself cease to exist.

(iv). a development, resulting in not only saying, 'No' to yet further housing but, also, saying the time has now come to say, 'Enough is enough'. This is a plea, therefore, for the town of Clitheroe not to be ruined by over development, (resulting in the features of a market town which, in the past, has attracted so many to it) having a town centre which will become 'grid-locked', with residents and visitors alike shopping elsewhere, affecting not only the quality of life but, also, the economic viability of local shops and businesses.

We, therefore, wish to register our concern relating to any possible development of land at Highwood Farm, owned by Clitheroe R.G.S., and object most strongly to a development which could be detrimental to Clitheroe's future, both in the short and long term.



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