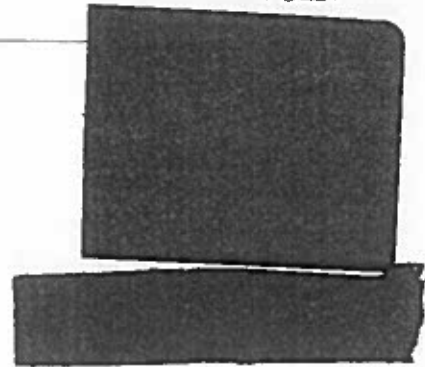


# Ribchester Parish Council



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Regeneration & Housing  
Ribble Valley Borough  
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Church Walk  
Clitheroe



6 September 2018

Dear Sir

## RIBBLE VALLEY HOUSING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (PROPOSED MAIN MODIFICATIONS – HOUSING)

I am responding, on behalf of the Parish Council, to your letter of 27 July inviting comments on proposed amendments to the Development Plan.

The stricture that comments should be confined solely to the proposed changes is disingenuous, given the likely accumulative effects of the proposals. It may well be argued that this tactic is employed as a means of stifling further debate.

The individual elements of the proposed modifications may, by themselves, have little or no impact. But viewing each addition in isolation without any consideration of the overall effects of the totality of development lacks sensitivity. Building activity throughout the Borough, and it must be said other neighbouring Boroughs, is already at such high levels that any additions will bring further strains to local infrastructures that are already struggling to cope.

For example the large numbers of new dwellings and employment areas will lead to an increase in vehicle movements on roads that are already congested at peak times; particularly the A59 and the B6243 between Longridge and Preston. The documents too have little to say about the effects on health and education facilities which are likely to come under increasing stress.

It is an abrogation of responsibility by central government to go all out for development while ignoring the consequences.

Yours faithfully



CHAIRMAN, Ian Snyers