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Subject: OBJECTION to the movement of settlement boundaries

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To whom it may concern

I am writing to strongly object against the movement of the settlement boundaries in Clitheroe. We do not need any more new houses and extending the settlement boundaries is an invitation for more developers to ruin our landscape. Our small market town of Clitheroe is being taken over by huge amounts of development. We haven't built more than our fair share of properties required. Hundreds of houses are being built, our countryside is rapidly being taken away from us and before long at this side we will be fringed by the A59. We have no school places, it takes 3 weeks to see our doctor and we have no manned police station. We feel unsafe on our roads with the amount of traffic and yet we keep having to say yes because of the big push from national government.

We are a mill town and we have plenty of affordable housing. The affordable housing that is being built is not affordable and in my opinion (ex estate agent) I would NOT recommend anyone to take part in a shared ownership deal. The properties are over valued and come with many restrictions which quite often leave people stuck with the house they have purchased or in a worse financial position when they do have to leave.

The site at Highmoor farm is a beautiful piece of countryside and is a very busy walk for families and dog walkers. It starts with a tree lined walk down the farm track, through the fields and down to a wood with a stream and stepping stones to cross it. The children love it. For anyone living between the busy Waterloo Road, Shawbridge Street and Pendle Road, this is our green space and promotes healthy living especially for all the children here. I would like to see how your "Open Space Assessment" compares to 2008 when it was highlighted in the core strategy? The settlement boundaries surely should protect this space?

Let's look at the bigger picture. Site 13 has been surveyed over the last week, whilst surveying a neighbour noticed they were surveying in the field directly north of site 13. The surveyor called it "PHASE 1!!" This field takes you right up to the playing fields. Phase 2 was also the other half of the field to the east of site 13 attached to "Templewood" which is currently also up for sale with Savills as a building plot subject to planning permission. The land at Templewood joins up with some land Wimpey Homes already own. So that's approximately 500 more houses in Clitheroe and we are right up to the A59. Can you imagine what we will look like? I certainly will not want to live in Clitheroe. Let's help ourselves here. Let's face it, they will apply for planning permission with or without the movement of the settlement boundary. Let's make it easier for ourselves to say NO. Please don't move the settlement boundaries then we have the power to say NO because it is not in our core strategy to build outside of settlement boundaries. Enough is enough!

I have lived in Clitheroe all of my life and have recently been looking to move into a Clitheroe Village but there is hardly anything available in our price bracket. Building in the villages would allow some of us to move out of Clitheroe. Maybe they could be built just for local people? I suspect the value of properties in the villages will have risen from the growing demand of Clitheroe people trying to move out making it even more difficult for us.

I am seriously concerned about the Shawbridge roundabout and the amount of traffic. The Highways have also shown serious concern about this roundabout in the past. We surely need to see the impact the 2000 (presuming 2 per household) extra cars from Standen hall and the extra traffic coming down Pendle road from the Gisburn direction. This will clearly not be evident within the 5 years you need this land to be developed on. This roundabout is unsafe and any recommendation to promote any possibility of more houses in this area, feeding into Pendle Road is ludicrous. The traffic leaving Lidl, traffic coming from Taylor Street, children crossing between the two after school, shoppers crossing between Lidl and the factory shop, the coaches from football and the people that don't even realise it is a roundabout and drive straight through it! It is absolute Chaos and very dangerous. Please keep our children safe.

Lastly please listen to the petition that over 1300 people have signed. Please consider the bigger picture. The housing requirement for Clitheroe up to the plan period of 2028 has already exceeded. This should be a flat refusal and Clitheroe should not even be a possibility for settlement boundary changes. Please allow yourself the opportunity to say NO and WIN!

Regards

