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I would like to add myself to the large number of people in Clitheroe and the surrounding area who feel strongly that the council is allowing too many new housing developments.

Whilst appreciating that the council is under pressure from central government to allow a lot of new housing I think it is important that all development is done in a sustainable way in keeping with the local environment. Developers and lucky landowners see profits can be made quickly. Without careful control the everyone one else loses. The council should work towards consolidating the new housing already built rather than encouraging more new developments.

Cumulative effects of all the developments are ignored as each site is considered individually.

These comments are from the Councils own Sustainability Appraisal need emphasising

1. The activity generated by other developments within Chatburn and Clitheroe may bring about cumulative impacts on local transport routes, particularly at peak times in and around central Chatburn and Clitheroe and along the A59.

This rise in demand highlights the need to increase the current infrastructure capacity in order to accommodate Cumulative traffic growth could also increase emissions to air giving particular consideration to the designated AQMA in central Clitheroe.

Apart from the new Pendle Road A59 roundabout there seems to be no attempt to improve the local transport infrastructure. The limited train service is ripe for improvement. Car Parking in Clitheroe town centre is very limited as is parking at the train station. The alternative train station at Whalley has virtually no parking. Many of the local road junctions were designed for the much lower vehicle use and are now regularly jammed. Perhaps not to the extent that many other towns in the UK experience, but this should not be race to the bottom in terms of traffic congestion.

2. It is recommended that the Council should actively promote sustainable transport wherever possible.

There has been no attempt to facilitate cycle routes in general and no attempt to design cycling to school routes which are safe for school children to use, although several possible routes are available.

- 3) It is likely that the large size of the developments would cause a cumulative impact on local landscape/ townscape character of Chatburn and Clitheroe and the local environment as a whole.

Significant green infrastructure and sensitive design measures have been proposed to reduce this effect.

It is important that these measures are guaranteed to be in place, not just proposed.

3. Cumulative growth in these areas may also put pressure on local essential services such as health care or school places which would need to be increased to meet this demand.

It is important that local essential services are able to keep up with the increased local demand.