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Dear Sir

**Planning Application, Ribble Valley District
3/11/05611 land at Blue Trees, Copster Green, Salesbury**

I refer to your letter of 9 August 2011 concerning the above application.

I am recommending refusal of this application on highway safety grounds.

For a heavily trafficked road of this type with a 40mph Speed Limit I would require a new access point onto the highway to provide a 2.4 metre x 90 metre visibility splay in both directions, as recommended in Manual for Streets 2 and the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges.

The best visibility splay the applicant can realistically achieve to the east, the more critical of the two directions, is around 2.4 metres x 60 metres. This is significantly below what would be acceptable.

The Applicant has located the proposed new access immediately adjacent to the westerly boundary of his site. While this has maximised the easterly sightline, it has had a highly detrimental impact on the potential sightline to the west.

As there is work ongoing at the neighbouring property, it is not possible to provide a definitive indication of the available visibility. However, it is clear that the Applicant has no control over any third party land to the back of the public highway. The footway is approximately 1.6m wide at this point and it is only within that distance back from the carriageway edge that I can realistically assess the available sightline.

On this basis, the maximum visibility splay that can be achieved is 2.4m by 21m. This is allowing for an advantageous measurement taken to the centre of the carriageway due to the proximity of the pedestrian refuge to the west that provides a physical restriction on overtaking manoeuvres.

I therefore recommend a refusal of the application on highway safety grounds.

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