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Dear Mr Macholc

PLANNING APPLICATION No: 3/12/0099

Application: Proposed new agricultural storage building for feed/implements and machinery and livestock.

At: MOOR HOUSE FARM, CLITHEROE ROAD, KNOWLE GREEN

My Council has concerns about the proposal and to aid further consideration I am directed to raise an OBJECTION to the application.

There are two points at issue. Firstly the footprint of the proposed building appears overlarge given the total acreage of the holding. This is then compounded by the height of the roof apex, which at 7 meters brings the possibility of the building standing out from its surroundings and visible from both Clitheroe Road and Stonegate Lane.

Secondly the details of drainage require further clarification. The run off from the concrete apron is to be diverted to the nearest water course. This can be acceptable providing that the run off is clean, But if any contamination is present, for example mud from equipment, then the water course may quickly silt up and bring problems to other land owners down the line.

We note the breeds of cattle and sheep that may form the basis of the holding and we have been informed that neither Highland cattle nor Betted Galloways are normally housed inside. We also understand that Texel sheep are usually inside only when lambing.

Yours sincerely

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cc: Cllr Ian Sayers