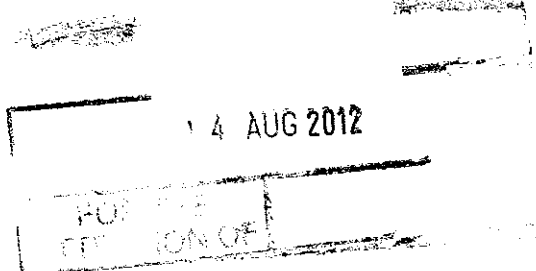


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Dear Mr Macholc

Planning Application No: 3/2012/0617

**Outline application for a proposed residential development of seven dwellings
Land off Clitheroe Road, Barrow, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 9AQ**

The above application has now been considered by Members of the Parish Council. They strongly object to the proposals and have made the following comments:

1. The proposal is outside of the main settlement and village boundary of Barrow on land classified as agricultural. It does not incorporate the existing building and does not conform to infill criteria. Approval would set a precedent for other similar land sites in the area, allowing them to be opened up for development.
2. The sewerage facility in Barrow at present is inadequate. Building work has not yet been completed on the Printworks site and the effect of adding these extra houses to the system will significantly worsen the situation. Members note that there is no report from United Utilities with the planning application and they must be consulted in view of the sewerage problems recently experienced by Barrow residents. In brief, nearby residents to the recently installed storage tank have had their homes and gardens polluted with raw sewage. They have also seen liquid seeping from a pipe on top of the tank and coming through grates in the fields adjacent to the village allotments. These incidents often occur in heavy rain and provide evidence that the current system cannot cope and is putting people's health and property at risk.
3. There is no new infrastructure proposed for the development to support the local increase in population. There are insufficient educational vacancies at Barrow Primary School (or surrounding schools) to accommodate further residential developments in the village.

4. Barrow does not have sufficient infrastructure to support the current community and it cannot accommodate further residential developments. The majority of residents travel to Whalley and Clitheroe or even further to obtain the services they require.
5. There would be an increase in traffic movement in and out of the proposed development with extra parking on Clitheroe Road. This would make the road even more hazardous to use in a 40mph zone. The local transport system is already at capacity and cannot cope with any extra cars.
6. A public footpath runs through the site and this must be maintained.

Yours sincerely

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