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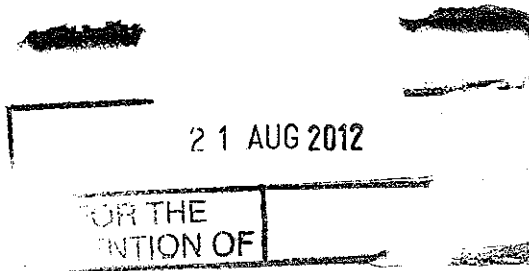
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Dear Mr Macholc



PLANNING APPLICATION No: 3/10/0660

Application: Proposed erection of a general purpose agricultural building, hardstanding and new septic tank.

At: MOOR HOUSE FARM, CLITHEROE ROAD, KNOWLE GREEN

Although the Borough Council's letter is dated 3 August it was only received on the 15th giving little time for the Parish Council to meet the 21 day deadline (24 August). The Parish will confirm its considered view as soon as possible but, given the background to the application and the rejection of an earlier application (2012/0099) I am directed to inform you that the Parish Council is of a mind to OBJECT.

There are two concerns to be addressed. Firstly the rejection of the earlier application was centered on three policies; G1 (design), G5 (the barn would lie outside the main settlement and ENV3 (proximity to the AONB which requires that developments be in keeping with the character of the landscape area). While some changes have been made to the design the proposed construction is pretty much as the earlier application.

Our second concern is that the application comes with little in the way of detail. For example there is mention of a concrete yard but no dimensions are given. It would be used for beef cattle during the winter but the handling of slurry remains open. Is a tank to be added later? The application includes the heading 'septic tank' but no details are provided of size, volume, source of input and where the partially purified water that emerges is to go. What then happens in a flash flood situation? Will solids then become part of the outgoing flow from the tank?

These questions remain to be answered before the application is considered by the Borough.

Yours sincerely

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Clerk to the Council

cc: Cllr Ian Sayers