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Dear Sir

Planning Application, Ribble Valley District
3/12/0824 Ground floor office, 6 Abbey Works, Back King Street, Whalley

I refer to your letter of 26 September 2012 concerning the above application.

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

The proposed development of this site will introduce pedestrians into an area where there are no footways and vehicles manoeuvring to a number of locations within a relatively confined area.

There are two additional parking spaces identified in the vicinity of the existing office. However, as with the existing spaces, these are poorly define and do not help to secure a safe area in the immediate vicinity for visitors to the office.

The previous successful application for this location, 3/09/0127, recognised that, "the development provides for the creation of a single office unit specifically for the administration of a taxi booking service, involving the taking and relaying of calls." It specified that there, "must be no access to the office for members of the public or for its use as a meeting place for either passengers or drivers."

I am recommending refusal of this application on highway safety grounds as I am satisfied that the previous highway safety justifications for prohibiting pedestrian access to the site remain relevant and that providing access for pedestrians to the taxi booking office would be detrimental to highway safety.

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