

Ribble Valley Borough Council
Development Control
Council Offices Church Walk
Clitheroe
Lancashire
BB7 2RA

Our ref: NO/2012/104433/01-L01
Your ref: 3/2012/0876

Date: 02 November 2012

Dear Sir/Madam

**DEVELOPMENT OF 3 HOUSES LAND OFF VICTORIA TERRACE, MELLOR
BROOK, BLACKBURN.**

Thank you for consulting us on the above proposal. Due to concerns about potentially negative impacts on the aquatic environment near to the site, the Environment Agency objects to the proposal in its submitted form.

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY POSITION

We object to the proposed development as submitted because the assessment of the risks to nature conservation is inadequate and no mitigation measures have been proposed. In particular, section 4.2.2 of the Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey and Baseline EIA dated September 2012 refers to the partial loss of aquatic habitat due to the construction of a culvert, this loss of aquatic habitat has not been mitigated for.

REASONS

The application does not comply with National Planning Policy Framework paragraphs 109 to 119 which require that planning decisions should not cause harm to nature conservation and biodiversity interests.

OVERCOMING OUR OBJECTION

The applicant should submit revised and detailed information which explains how the losses to and potential negative impacts on the aquatic environment will be avoided or where this is not possible, will be mitigated and compensated for.

The Agency wish to be consulted on the additional mitigation measures that might subsequently be proposed. If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Yours faithfully

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