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ATTENTION OF

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Dear Sir

**Planning Application, Ribble Valley District
3/12/0910 Bridge Heywood Caravan Park, Read**

I refer to your letter of 18 October 2012 concerning the above application.

I have no objection in principle to this application on highway safety grounds.

This application is for an additional 15 caravans to be placed on a well established caravan site in Read. I have no specific highway safety concerns with the additional traffic associated with a development of this size at this location.

I am aware from correspondence you have received and posted on the Council website, that Read Parish Council has highlighted the desirability of introducing a link to the potential Marthole Viaduct footway/cycleway scheme and has suggested that the means of helping achieve this aim is from funding and/or unilateral undertakings secured through a S106 Agreement.

I am not in a position to recommend such a course of action as I do not consider that such measures are proportionate or necessary in respect of the current application.

It is my understanding that the funding is not available at this time to carry out work on the old railway line in the foreseeable future. Should work progress on this scheme at a later date, we will investigate if it would be possible to have the landowner dedicate the access as bridleway which would give walkers and cyclists the legal right to use the old railway.

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