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The Ramblers' Association

Working for walkers



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Ribble Valley Borough Council,
Planning Dept.
Council Offices, Church Walk,
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Dear Sirs

PLANNING APPLICATION ; STANDEN ESTATE

This Association wishes to object to the plans to build houses on the above site on the following grounds:-

1. This is the largest single planning application the Ribble Valley has ever seen, and will seriously damage the visual amenity of the Rural landscape.
2. The building of more than 1,000 houses in an area designated as open countryside will have a serious environmental impact on the local wildlife. The trees and hedges in situ provide wildlife corridors for owls, birds of prey, bats and many smaller mammals, which would be driven out or drastically reduced in numbers if the development goes ahead. There is a wide selection of birds breeding and feeding in the fields, trees and hedgerows as well as associated flora and invertebrates, with badgers, roe deer and other wild animals also present.
3. The plans will completely destroy prime agricultural and grazing land,
4. There are a number of public footpaths running through the site. These are used by ramblers, visitors to the area and local people. It is very important that much used public rights of way are protected in their present environment for use by current and future generations. We hope you will give careful consideration to these concerns when considering your decision.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. Parrott

Countryside Officer, Clitheroe group of the Ramblers.