

## WORSTON AND MEARLEY PARISH MEETING

### **Re: Planning Application No: 3/2012/0942 for 1040 residential dwellings**

We discussed this planning application at our recent bi-annual Parish Meeting. The following comments were made:

1. The meeting was impressed with the work that had been carried out on the development and the attempts to make it as appropriate as possible to the area.
2. However, the large number of houses and the ability of Clitheroe's infrastructure to cope with the increase in population was **of major concern**. The villagers noted that all services would come under increasing pressure-both junior and senior schools, health services and the road systems. This will detrimentally affect people living in villages as well as those in Clitheroe itself.
3. Villagers felt that they had little say in what might happen however and there was a likelihood that the planning application would be passed.
4. If the application is successful and the development goes ahead, it was suggested that:
  - A further exit/entrance is considered so that at peak times the Pendle Road and A59 roundabouts are not backed up.
  - An increase in the percentage of affordable homes is considered, since there is no apparent shortage of 'market homes' in the Ribble Valley.
  - The shops on the development are local small shops only, so that custom is not taken from the town centre shops.

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Chair of Worston and Mearley Parish Meeting