

Development Control  
Ribble Valley Borough Council

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Your ref: 2018/0992  
Our ref:  
Date: 14/01/2019

Dear Sirs

**Re:** Planning Application 18/0992

**Address:** New Fold Garage Neville Street Longridge PR3 3FD

**Description:** Proposed additional valeting service to an existing garage operation and erection of 1.7m high Perspex panel screen.

With respect to this application we would wish to raise an objection to the principle of the works. This is on the basis that the use of the site is not for the sole purpose of valeting and car washing, but this use is in addition to the existing internet car sales and vehicle repair business.

There is a discrepancy between the description of the proposal on the application form and the information supplied on the latest drawings supplied. The application makes reference to the valeting being an additional service to the existing garage, and known internet car sales services.

It is noted that any vehicles waiting to be washed are expected to wait on the highway opposite the residential premises, or outside the adjacent commercial premises. The onsite parking is likely to be taken up by drivers dropping off cars for pre booked valets they are likely to simply park and leave the vehicle potentially entering through the queue rather than waiting.

As a former car repairs business the vehicle movements would be controlled by the nature of the business being generally by appointment only, and we would expect the valeting business to be operated on a similar appointment only basis. Where similar premises function as an ad hoc car washing facility there are generally facilities for a number of vehicles to wait off the highway and should the customer decide that the queue looks long then they would simply carry on with the journey without the added complication of turning within the confines of the residential cul-de-sac.

**Sue Harper,**  
Interim Director of Community Services  
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It is felt that the additional vehicle movements due to the intensification of usage of the site would create a highway safety issue.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or by telephone on 01772 531202.

Yours faithfully

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