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22nd September 2020

Ms Harriet McCartney,
Planning Officer,
Ribble Valley Borough Council,
Church Walk,
Clitheroe, BB7 2RA

Dear Ms McCartney,

Planning Application 3/2020/0602 Holden Clough

We are writing to object to the above application for the following reasons.

The proposal for an increase in floor space, both inside and outdoors amounts to an additional 80% which is a considerable expansion for what is possibly a temporary need for social distancing measures. Ultimately this will give rise to an increase in dining covers.

The application for an enlarged kitchen would also suggest that future plans are to increase the catering facility and will ultimately make larger social functions more feasible.

Holden Clough Nursery is at the centre of a small, rural hamlet in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. There are just thirty-four AONBs in England. The roads to the hamlet are under considerable pressure from a combination of farm traffic, mountain bikers driving to Gisburn Forest and visitors to Holden Clough together with the suppliers for catering and the sizeable retail facility that exists on the site. At times, the restricted roads struggle to cope with visitors and delivery vehicles unfamiliar with limited passing places.

We ask you to seriously consider the impact that Holden Clough Nursery and the many applications and alterations that have already been passed have had on the local residents. The decisions you make have long term implications for residents in the small hamlet.

Yours sincerely,

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