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Re. 22-23 Old Row Barrow

Dear Ms Hopkins,

I have only just found out that we were able to object to the design intended for the old row development. I really do believe residents should be notified when they can object and at what stage. This has now been going on so long we cannot be expected to look on a weekly basis for years!

Firstly. [REDACTED]

Our house is well over 200 years old. And possibly the oldest in the village.

Whilst the removal of the cottage next door will give us access to the chimney allowing us to have a log burner, and us becoming an end terrace would increase the value. I am still at a complete loss as to why Ribble Valley are allowing two structurally sound buildings to be pulled down and replaced with such modern and inappropriate houses.

I understand the developers are making housing association homes. But why can they not use what is already there. The cottage is sound and even has a cellar, the pub could easily be turned into flats.

The developer had not shown us the face view of the houses and now I understand why. I was horrified when I saw on Facebook that the houses are in an incredibly modern style with very contemporary doors and windows.

At very least the doors and windows should be of a cottage style.

And the "yellow cladding" that has covered the rest of the village is of course ever present.

I have no issue with it being housing association. In fact I'm glad to see affordable housing as the village has been filled with ridiculously priced houses. And I have no issue with the development proposed for behind the house.

But please explain why the council is allowed the destruction of solid character filled buildings that have stood the test of time and will actually stand long after the modern buildings? Because I am aware that the developers find it cheaper to smash things to the ground to then get their cheap building team to throw up cookie cutter houses as requires less skill. But the council does not work for the developers. It works for the area. And you seem to have forgotten about Barrow and ignored us just because we aren't the touristy village of our neighbours Whalley, Wiswell, and Pendleton.

It is one thing building new houses. But it is another to destroy them.

I have been inside both and the buildings are fine. The survivors have also told me this.

Either tell the developers to renovate the existing buildings, or tell them to make the houses fit in with the style of the row using the reclaimed stone to bring character to them (look at housing dev in Kendal) & cottage windows and doors to make them fit in better.

Furthermore, you have allowed so much building in Barrow. Yet we have no village store (the Co-operative at barrow Brook does not count as it is dangerous for children and the elderly to cross the roads there and it is too far from the main village. The pub could easily have been turning into a shop downstairs. I just don't understand the mentality of councils wanting us to drive less but not providing services.

Yours sincerely