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Dear Ms Eastwood,

**RE: 3/2021/0076 Application for Full Planning Consent Queen Mary Terrace and Bridge Terrace Mitton Road – Response Whalley Parish Council**

I am writing to you as Clerk to Whalley Parish Council.

Further to our response to the above application, the Parish Council would also wish to object to the number of affordable homes proposed for this development. The laudable aim to achieve a 30% requirement of affordable homes in any new development should be defended vigorously. It is extremely important that as many starter homes as possible are made available for first time buyers. When Calderstones NHS Trust built the houses, they did so for their workers, and it does seem rather disingenuous to suggest there was a profit motive in their actions. We believe the concept behind the build was one of 'affordable homes for the workers' and that this ideal, should continue to this present day.

- This contravenes Core Strategy Policy H3 : Affordable Housing.
- The proposed mix of 6 x 3 bedroom semidetached, 14 x 3 bedroom plus 30 x 4 bedroom detached housing, is targeted at a specific market and clearly does not offer the local need which is required in the Ribble Valley.
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- This contravenes Core Strategy Policy H2 : Housing Balance.

I look forward to your response to these concerns.

Yours sincerely,

M Richardson

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer