

Planning Dept, Council Offices, Church Walk, Clitheroe. BB7 2RA

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Ref Planning Application No 3/2021/0076

Development of Queen Mary & Bridge Terraces, Whalley, BB7 9JS

Attn of Laura Eastwood Planning Officer

## **Dear Ms Eastwood**

I would like to make my objections known with reference to the proposed demolition of the house that make up Queen Mary and Bridge Terraces, the former homes of employees of the NHS hospital in Whalley. I have three points to make.

- 1 These houses are in a reasonable condition with many years life left. Their demolition would be a terrible loss of perfectly good homes, and their replacement would entail a large additional carbon footprint and resource waste. The existing homes are ideal for modernising at minimal cost in comparison to new build, and sold or rented as starter homes at prices affordable to young families who currently are often priced out of the village.
- 2 Whalley has had more than its fair share of additional new 4 and 5 bedroomed up market and expensive homes within the time scale of the current local plan, and the proposed additional 16 properties is unwelcome. We need smaller, more affordable starter homes which the existing properties perfectly suit.
- 3 The loss of the green space within this proposal would be detrimental to the well being of the development. The green space has been and could be again an open space facility for the properties that make up the terraces. The development also involves the loss of the access and footpath behind the Bridge Terrace that rejoins Mitton Road adjacent to the bridge over the

original railway access to the hospital. This has been used by locals for in excess of 20 years.

I trust my objections will be noted.

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