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To: Planning

Subject: Planning Application No: 3/2021/0556

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F.A.O. Nichola Hopkins,

Re the application 3/2021/0556, this is another attempt to build a housing estate on a green field site on the outskirts of Longridge.

The site is a varied habitat for flowers, birds and animals, which as a nation, and a location, seem to be losing at an alarming rate. We have birds in the immediate area which are becoming extremely rare in other parts of the country, do we want to lose those here as well? (Curlew, Lapwings, Owls, Buzzards, plus a host of song birds, small mammals, deer, badgers, hedgehogs).

This particular site will cause enormous problems on Higher Road, with the addition of approximately 300 extra car journeys per day, without taking into account the traffic from the construction site with all the heavy plant equipment. Access to Higher Road will obviously be from Dilworth Lane/King Street on leaving Higher Road, where visibility is dreadful - you are half way across before you can see what is coming up the hill. Parking is another major issue, as Club Row (a terrace of listed buildings) have no off-road parking, their cars get damaged regularly now, this will make matters far worse. Club Row in particular, but also other older properties, could also have there foundations damaged by the vibrations of the heavy vehicles. Who would be responsible for reparations for such damage? Pedestrian safety is another issue, as many young families live on the road.

The on-going construction work on the site at 'Tootle Green', off Dilworth Lane, has been a source of noise disturbance since it started years ago. The noise of reversing vehicles can be heard all day, sometimes from 6am. The vehicles seem to be in permanent reverse. Another 5 years of this sort of noise, which will be very much louder due to it's proximity, will cause a lot more distress to all along Higher Road and the surrounding area.

An interesting issue is the Roman road, which according to some LIDAR images cuts right across the field of the proposed site. Would this be discussed prior to any decision taken by the Council? Please see the link below for reference.

http://www.romanroads.org/gazetteer/rib-catt.htm

Longridge town has building sites all around it, approved by both Ribble Valley and Preston City councils, many are unfinished, or unsold. Do we really need any more houses around the town? Can the Schools, Doctors, Dentist cope with another 123 households?

Regards





05/05/2022

Re: Planning Application 3/2021/0556

Dear Sir/Madam

We are writing regarding the above application to build 123 houses behind number 74, Higher Road.

We have sold by the stunning views to the which overlook much of the Ribble Valley. When out in sold by the stunning views to the which effect that this can have on one's mental health should not be under estimated. The amount of wildlife that we have seen in the field in question, is vast and includes pheasant, grouse, field mice, badgers, rabbits and even deer in the adjacent field.

We would like to object to the application on the following grounds:

- The increase in traffic along an already busy Higher Road, would be significant. In addition to this, the proposed development of the Holiday Park would cause further problems. Near the old White Bull pub at the end of Higher Road, with all the residential traffic parked outside their homes, there is only room for one vehicle to get through causing lengthy delays now.
- 2 The removal of a natural habitat for a whole host of wildlife.
- 3 The overdevelopment of Longridge putting pressure on schools, dentists, doctors and vets.
- The actual need for the development. I believe planning permission was not granted some 5 years ago for this proposal. It would be interesting to know what has changes since then. I see housing estates being built on every single exit from the town, Halfpenny Lane, Dilworth Lane, Chipping Road, Whittingham Road and Preston Road. With this in mind I find it hard to understand or believe that a further development is necessary.
- The prospect of things going wrong such as the Chapel Hill project which has destroyed a beautiful panorama and left an absolute shambles.
- 6 Labour requirements. With all the development of the town and surrounding areas, will the labour and resource actually be available to finish the job.
- 7 Community. Aside from the builders and the planning officers and will there be anyone of our 7,500 residents of Longridge that actually thinks this is a good idea?

The one word that keeps reoccurring in our heads about this whole sorry episode is "scandalous".

We sincerely hope that our views will be taken into consideration and that this application will be rejected.

Yours faithfully

From:

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Dear Sir, I wish to register my opposition to the above planning application. As a regular user of Higher Road, I am concerned that the proposed 123 homes will generate a significant increase in the volume of traffic using Higher Road, and that this will result in severe traffic management issues, and an increase in road traffic collisions. The width of then road is not sufficient to allow the passage of vehicles in two directions simultaneously, and the only solution would be to prevent parking along the length of Higher Road. This would be extremely inconvenient, and grossly unfair on the existing residents, particularly of Club Row.

Yours

