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Ribble Valley Borough Council
Church Walk
Clitheroe BB7 2RA

FAO: Economic Development and Planning
Planning Application No: 3/2021/0661

[REDACTED]

28th February 2023

Dear Sirs,

In response to your letter dated 7th February 2023, regarding the above Planning Application [REDACTED] ask you to consider the following comments and representations.

1. Background:

[REDACTED] the above property [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] faces on to West Bradford Road, and [REDACTED] affected by the proposals made in the application, in particular the recent amendments, concerning the traffic management on West Bradford Road and in Waddington village.

[REDACTED] read and considered the report by Jacobs dated 7th February 2023, and the letter from Lancashire County Council dated 17th February 2023. Together with the amendments to the application regarding Road widening submitted on the 6th February 2023.

2. Comments:

- a) The road widening scheme is limited to the area between No 70 and Brantwood on West Bradford Road (the Road). Yet the LCC letter confirms that the road between Berner and Greenways, "is extremely tight" and there is "no factor of safety".
- b) The removal of vegetation to give clearer lines of sight along the Road, will encourage higher speeds from all road users. Currently the existing speed limits are generally ignored this will only increase. If proposals to proscribe lower speed limits are implemented, greater checks and management will be required as risk of accidents caused by speed will only increase.
- c) There is no consideration given the damage the heavier loads and increased usage will cause to the culvert that flows under the Road from the western [REDACTED]
- d) Damage will also be caused to southern edge of the Road where currently there is no kerb or provision for water drainage.
- e) Whilst provision is made to avoid working at school arrival and

departure times, traffic and parking issues relating to the school is continuous throughout the day, and the highest priority must be given to ensure the safety of schoolchildren.

- f) The proposals of traffic flows from the Almshouses to the junction with Slaidburn Road appear to be ill considered and lacking in detail as to how the passage of HGV's through these narrow areas will be achieved without causing damage to property.
- g) In addition the safety of other road users e.g. cyclists, pedestrians needs further consideration, providing specific safe areas/lanes for their passage through the area.
- h) Residents in the village must be aware of plans to control the noise levels, minimise the loss of light, and control and clean the dirt and pollution that will arise in the village.

3. Representations:

- a) The road widening scheme should be revised for the Road, to ensure safety of all users and residents. Also, to ensure speeds of all vehicles are limited to 20 mph.
- b) Further study is required to understand the need to upgrade and maintain the Road to levels required for safe passage of all vehicles.
- c) The provision of a CarPark/Pick Up/Drop Off area, near the school would make it easier for all parties and enhance the safety of the school children.
- d) The proposals for traffic flows through the centre of the village should be reconsidered and redrawn to ensure safety of residents, other road users, and property.
- e) When finalised the applicants should provide detailed plans to residents, explaining how they intend to minimize disruption and ensure the safety of all residents and their property.

4. Conclusion:

Whilst [REDACTED] understand and accept the need for the applicant to upgrade and enhance the existing water supply [REDACTED] believe the proposed application as it applies the village of Waddington is not acceptable. It requires further detailed amendment to ensure the safety of residents, their property, and road users, to minimize the disruption to the village, and provide a clean environment in which to live and work.

Yours faithfully

