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Ribble Valley Borough Council
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Dear Sir/Madam

This letter is regarding Planning Application: 3/2022/0873, the proposed change of use of 9 Birtwistle Terrace, Whalley Rd, Langho, BB6 8BT from a residential home into a hairdressing salon.

 Birtwistle Terrace, I am writing to share my thoughts on the development and to outline the concerns I have with the proposals put forward.

Parking is already extremely problematic outside Birtwistle Terrace along with the neighbouring Coronation Terrace. As well as vehicles belonging to the residents of these houses, the staff and parents from the Welcome Nursery, situated opposite Birtwistle Terrace, use this location to park their own vehicles, resulting in very little parking available during the mornings and evenings. This problem is often worsened by the parking of parents from the local primary school (St Mary's) and commuters walking the short distance to Langho train station.

The issues above, whilst predominantly regarding the availability of parking, also pose a further risk to the safety of pedestrians. Frequently, children and adults are stepping out from between parked cars in order to cross the busy road, something which will only increase should the changes to the above address be made.

In the application of planning, the document suggests that at the address of 9 Birtwistle Terrace there is the availability of two parking spots at the front of the property and two parking spots to the side of the property. This is something that I find to be inaccurate. To the front of Birtwistle Terrace there isn't room for each household to park one vehicle, let alone two. To the side of 9 Birtwistle Terrace there is a piece of land used by both residents of Birtwistle Terrace and Coronation Terrace to park any remaining vehicles, with a maximum of six parking spaces to be shared between seventeen houses. To suggest that two of these places will be used by the newly proposed hair salon would result in further parking issues on the road.

On the proposed plans it shows three 'Stations' for haircare to take place within the salon. This would indicate the potential for three customers to be visiting the property at any one time, in addition to the three staff members required. I am unsure where there is availability for six vehicles to park. This isn't taking into account the crossover of clients using the facility.

Considering the issues outlined above, I would urge that consideration is given to the safety and needs of residents in the area surrounding the property of 9 Birtwistle Terrace and that it is made a priority when considering the application of planning concerned.

Yours faithfully,

