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Address of Development: 34
York Street

Comments: The property in question has been unoccupied and in the form of disrepair for the whole time [REDACTED] We are more than happy with the proposed refurbishment & renovation of the neglected property to uplift the street. In addition we would and will support any development and improvement to York Street and the surrounding area. The change, growth, and improvement within the town is paramount to the success and future of Clitheroe.

We are concerned however with regards highway safety, amount of vehicles and speed in which people operate on the street. Furthermore the amount of available parking for residents currently is not suitable for the amount of properties, this being our main area of concern. The conversion of number 34 would reduce the amount of commercial properties to 16 on York Street. Currently there are circa 30 residential properties with scope for a further 14 planned/proposed developments. With the street predominately residential there are a total of 9 parking bays currently, only 4 for use with residents permit. The current residential parking requirements are through a permit scheme only, with an allowance of one permit per household. In light of this scheme [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to accommodate the restrictions. As a minimum all parking bays should be for use with residents permits. However, even if the new developments are not allocated a parking permit, they can still park for two hours, and in an evening/weekend with no restrictions. The increased volume with or without permits would make it difficult if not impossible to park anywhere remotely near our home, or even on the street.

Furthermore parking is massively compromised when events take place at The Grand, during the day and in an evening, making residential parking nigh on impossible. I believe a separate conversation is required around the utilisation, or lack of regarding 'The Grand' carpark to the rear of York Street. If this was offered up for use during events it would reduce the impact on York Street.

It may also be unbeknown to the council when considering further development, that on multiple evenings during the week and weekends, York Street is used for parking to accommodate the gatherings at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses on the back of York Street. Further adding to the disruption on the street and lack of parking.

We may as well also mention the increased volume of traffic and parking used by the Grammar School 6th Form students/parents at drop off and collection times, including students who park on the street.

So ultimately, parking and the lack of is the main concern for ourselves and other residents.