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Planning Department  
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16<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Dear Stephen Kilmartin

Planning Application No: 3/2024/0571

Proposal: Proposed modification of S106 Agreement dated 15 October 2013 relating to planning permission 3/2013/0137 to remove the need to reserve land for a school site.

Location: Land to the east of Clitheroe Road (Lawsonsteads) Whalley

Whalley Parish Council formally object to the proposed modification of the S106 agreement dated 15 October 2013, concerning planning permission 3/2013/0137, which seeks to remove the requirement to reserve land for a school site.

Firstly, we wish to express our dissatisfaction regarding the manner in which the original S106 agreement was drawn up and handled. The provision of land for a school was a critical component of the planning permission, reflecting the community's needs and future growth projections. The Parish Council is deeply concerned that this provision is now being reconsidered without adequate justification.

It is important to address why the site has not yet been delivered and enforced as an educational facility. The community was assured that this land would be set aside specifically to accommodate a new school, essential for addressing the current shortage of school places in the area. The delay in delivering this site raises significant concerns about the commitment to fulfilling the educational needs of our growing population.

The Parish Council strongly believes that the land should remain available for the development of a school and believes there is a clear need for additional school places in our community, and removing this reserved land from the agreement would only exacerbate the existing insufficiencies in our educational infrastructure.

The original S106 agreement recognised this need, and it is crucial that this land continues to be preserved for its intended purpose.

We urge the Planning Department to reconsider the proposed modification and to retain the requirement for reserving land for a school site. Ensuring that this land remains available for educational use is vital for the future of our community and the well-being of our children.

We would appreciate a response detailing the reasons behind the proposed modification and the steps being taken to address the shortfall in school places that this change would cause. We also request that our objections be taken into full consideration during the review process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

*EK Haworth*

Liz Haworth  
Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer  
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