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For attn Kathryn Hughes

I object to this proposed development as there is no current infrastructure to support an additional 300 homes in the Langho area, the likelihood of an additional 600 people, nor any advertised intention to suggest this will occur. The local train service is an asset but In reality, the relatively infrequent trains are not likely to persuade people out of their cars. The A59 is increasingly busy and traffic would dramatically increase across all routes in the area. This housing proposal eats into the concept of a rural Ribble Valley.

Ancient winding routes like Whinney Lane, Snodworth and Whitehalgh with no pavements are already dangerous lanes for local pedestrians and many complaints have been made about speeding. These roads are used as short cuts by impatient drivers heading for motorways. Several hundred more cars moving about are likely to have an unfavourable impact.

Currently the only 'shop' in walking distance is a small Spar / PO in Langho, set among bungalows without much parking. The other commercial premises are one chemist and several hairdressers, again with extremely limited parking. A nursery and primary school in Langho are also without parking and the A666 road becomes almost impassable at certain times of day, with the parked cars of parents dangerously limiting visibility and use of pavements for pedestrians.

What benefit would this large scale housing proposal bring to local residents in Langho? Will local schools have access to more teachers and school places? What medical practices are available for this many people?

The railway line with a walk through a damp tunnel will completely separate the two communities. A properly built community hall with parking, meeting rooms and facilities for all the residents of Langho might be an asset in this location but there is no mention or provision for that.

The community orchard and local play area may be a nice open space nestling among bungalows but there are no toilets there so it should not be promoted by the developers as an attraction, unless they would like to build facilities. Similarly, Langho station has no facilities for an increase in travellers.

Intensive building along the A59 in this particular location is inadvisable because of acknowledged drainage problems.

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