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**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Planning Application Comments - 3/2025/0647 FS-Case-749238708

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**Planning Application Reference No.:** 3/2025/0647

**Address of Development:** Clitheroe Football Club, Shawbridge Street, Clitheroe, BB7 1LZ

**Comments:** I am writing today to object to planning application 3/2025/0647.

I am doing so on the basis of resident safety, with particular concern relating to the parking and increased traffic in the area, and the negative impact it has on local residents.

The document '25 0647 Statement' states that "Home match average attendances for last season were 760no persons. This figure is expected to be similar or above for the coming 2025-2026 season. There are 350no persons as season ticket holders, included in that figure."

If we generously assume that all 350 season ticket holders are Clitheroe residents, this still leaves around 410 match attendees travelling from outside the town, most of whom are likely to arrive by car. Whilst the Clitheroe FC website states that there is "off street [sic] parking everywhere."

(<https://www.clitheroefc.co.uk/news/tips-for-away-fans-1391040.html>) there certainly is not sufficient safe on-street parking to accommodate this number of visitors.

Many visitors park on Highmoor Park, Taylor Street, Holden Street, Pendle Road, Bright Street, Hayhurst Street, and in the wider Littlemoor and Salthill areas. Although safe parking can be a minor inconvenience to residents, there is a concerning amount of unsafe parking, particularly on Pendle Road, Taylor Street, and Holden Street during weekend and evening matches. Vehicles are often left across corners and junctions, making it almost impossible to safely turn from Holden Street onto Taylor Street. Additionally, cars are frequently parked on pavements, forcing wheelchair users and families with pushchairs onto the roads, which have already been made more dangerous by unsafe parking. Furthermore, vans and HGVs from the nearby industrial areas are often unable to use these roads during match times, as the poor parking leaves them without sufficient space to turn safely. Perhaps most concerning is the danger posed to children. A large number of children travel from the above-mentioned residential areas to visit the park on Highmoor Park. Children, wheelchair users, and people with pushchairs are forced to weave between parked cars many of which block sightlines and make crossing the road hazardous. Motorists are forced to edge out blindly from junctions, creating additional risks.

What should be a short, safe journey to a park that enables a child to develop some independence is made unnecessarily dangerous, especially during the evenings and weekends when they are most likely to visit.

Of course, residents understand that the football club has existed longer than most of the surrounding houses. However, when the club was founded in 1929, parking was not a concern, and crowds would have been far smaller. Even since the current clubhouse was erected in 2008, the

number of cars on UK roads has risen from 34.2 million

([https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a7cf03a40f0b636369fd844/Vehicles\\_personal\\_travel\\_factsheet\\_\\_March\\_2010.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a7cf03a40f0b636369fd844/Vehicles_personal_travel_factsheet__March_2010.pdf)) to 41.9 million in 2025

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/vehicle-licensing-statistics-january-to-march-2025/vehicle-licensing-statistics-january-to-march-2025>), a 22.5% increase. This demonstrates how much more pressure there now is on local roads.

Similarly, Clitheroe's population has also risen significantly from 13,200 in 2008

(<https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/downloads/file/1758/ribble-valley-homelessness-strategy-2008-13#:~:text=The%20borough%20has%20a%20population,as%20Great%20Mitton%20and%20Paythorne.>) to 17,141 in 2021

([https://www.citypopulation.de/en/uk/northwestengland/admin/ribble\\_valley/E04005253\\_\\_clitheroe/](https://www.citypopulation.de/en/uk/northwestengland/admin/ribble_valley/E04005253__clitheroe/)). This 29% increase means that many more residents now live in the town, placing even greater pressure on already congested roads and parking.

Noise is another concern. Some evening matches continue to play very loud music well past 10pm, and at evening and weekend matches the banging of stands and drums, loud music, and chanting can be extremely disruptive for residents. Doubling the capacity of the clubhouse, with the aim of attracting a greater number of visitors, has the potential to cause a noise nuisance for local residents.

As such, I would like to request that some form of action is taken to amend this application to include some provision for traffic control and safe parking, adequate measures to avoid additional noise, and club policies to protect the safety and wellbeing of local residents and their children.

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**Planning Application Reference No.:** 3/2025/0647

**Address of Development:** Back of Shawbridge Street, Clitheroe.

**Comments:** I am annoyed that I have not had any notification of this planning application. My address is [REDACTED]. I have only just realised this application has been made. My main concern is parking and pedestrian safety. This is the busiest area of Clitheroe. Ok we know when football matches are going to be played and can plan for this but on some training nights locals have no where to park. The parking [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is very busy with no segregation between cars and pedestrians. Add to this many van and lorry deliveries makes it a dangerous place.  
How many people would the new community hub attract ?