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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2025/0873

Address of Development: Land at Springwood Drive Whalley
BB7 9XL

Comments: Please kindly accept my late submission of comments for the above Application.

I am writing to formally object to the above planning application for the construction of six detached dwellings on land at Springwood Drive in Whalley.

I believe this development would have significant negative impacts on the local area, and I urge the Council to refuse permission. My objections are based on the following material planning considerations:

Overdevelopment and Impact on Local Character:

The proposed site is in an area that has already seen considerable residential development, including previous phases at Lawsonsteads. Adding six more detached dwellings would result in overdevelopment, altering the semi-rural character of Whalley. This could lead to a loss of open space and visual amenity, which is contrary to local planning policies aimed at preserving the distinctive landscape and heritage of the Ribble Valley.

Increased Traffic and Highway Safety: Springwood Drive and surrounding roads are already congested, particularly during peak times. The addition of six new households would generate additional vehicle movements, exacerbating traffic issues and posing risks to highway safety. There is limited public transport in the area, meaning residents would rely heavily on private cars, further straining local infrastructure. No adequate traffic assessment appears to address these concerns sufficiently.

Environmental and Ecological Concerns: The development involves land that serves as a habitat for local wildlife. Construction and subsequent landscaping will disrupt ecosystems, leading to loss of biodiversity. Additionally, increased hardstanding for parking could contribute to surface water runoff and flooding risks in an area prone to such issues. This contradicts the Council's commitments to environmental protection and sustainable development.

Strain on Local Services and Amenities: Whalley is a small village with limited facilities. Additional

housing would place further pressure on schools, healthcare, and other community services, which are already stretched. Without corresponding improvements to infrastructure, this development would negatively affect the quality of life for existing residents.

I respectfully request that these points be taken into account during the determination of this application.