



The Director of Development
Ribble Valley Borough Council
Church Walk
Clitheroe

20 February 2026

Dear Madam

Planning application 3/2026/0082

91 Berry Lane, Longridge

I have been notified of this application to change the use of the premises, 
 into a “Drinking Establishment” proposed to be open from lunchtime to late evening every day.

I have no real idea what a “drinking establishment” is but speculate that it involves people coming to the premises, purchasing and then consuming, on the premises, drinks of all kinds.

As can be seen from the plan of the site the property forms part of a row of terraced properties.

In addition to the building of no 91 it has a very small rear yard which I doubt adequate to store the waste I think might come from a “drinking establishment” of empty bottles and associated packaging.

There is no access to this small rear yard except through the premises of 91.

The plans also show an internal store comprising 1 sq metre of space, a bar area and seating of 28 sq metres and, on the first floor, seating in an area of 13 sq metres.

This suggests that it is anticipated that a number of persons are intended to resort to this “drinking establishment”.

A relatively narrow staircase links the ground and first floors.

In my opinion the proposed use represents the creation of a risk to life in the event of fire because there is insufficient means of escape from the property in the event of a fire breaking out there.

Whilst fire risks might not be something of concern to planners it would not be appropriate to sanction a proposed use where such a risk is obvious and no adequate means of escape available.

A previous occupier of the property limited the number of persons allowed into her shop at any one time so that the risks in the event of fire were mitigated.

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am also concerned about possible disturbance from noise from a drinking establishment during the afternoon [REDACTED]
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If consent were granted I would invite the Council to protect my amenity, and the amenities of the area, by restricting the playing of live or recorded music within the premises to hours after 6.00 p.m. and also by imposing a limit upon the number of persons who might resort to the premises at any one time so that risks to life are minimised.

Yours faithfully

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