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Lancashire

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2026/0356

Address of Development: Hammond Ground
Read

Comments: The land known as Hammond Ground is of great historical importance. It is considered that the remains of many hundreds of Civi War soldiers, who died at the Battle of Read Bridge are interred on this land. Not only is this sacrosanct but should demand the ultimate respect. In addition, since the opening of the Shuttleworth link to the M65, the increase in traffic is considerable, rerouting traffic that originally passed through Great Harwood and Clayton. The current highway is dangerous with only 1 pedestrian crossing through the villages of Read and Simonstone. Traffic is not only already heavy but the additional traffic generated by this proposal would increase throughflow to a completely unacceptable and dangerous level. With regard to subsurface services, I would very much doubt that these were originally installed to cope with this development. In summary, the current road is a danger to children, and indeed all pedestrians, without intensifying such dangers. I would also question the “landscaping” concept. Surely this can easily be recognised as a preparation for even more unwanted housing. I sincerely hope that RVBC will give serious consideration to the rejection of this development and the dangers it would bring with it.

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Good Evening

Ref 3/2026/0356

In a word this would be sacrilege to this beautiful field and the planning of 77 houses possibly more in the future needs to be rejected How anyone could live happily in a house built on this site .. if permission is granted is beyond me ... the countryside and the wildlife need to be protected before anything else

Save Hammond Ground

Thank you

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2026/0356

Address of Development: Land at Hammond Ground,
Whalley Road,
Read.
BB12 7RP

Comments: I object strongly to the planning application for 77 houses, or indeed any houses on the land at Hammond Ground, in Read.

Firstly, as a resident of Read and Simonstone for [REDACTED] object strongly to the urbanisation of such an important, historic and beautiful landscape. Not only is this obviously a greenfield site in a countryside setting, but one which has significant associations with Read Hall and the Pendle Witches, as well as aspects from the Civil war. It is a beautiful scenic welcome to both of these villages, which would not only be completely and permanently destroyed if this planning application is approved, but would also permanently damage the immediate fauna, flora and wildlife. It would also cause untold damage to the wider community - human, animal and that of nature - from the resulting air and water pollution.

One of my greatest fears and objections, is having to live in these villages with the addition of at least another 77 to 154 vehicles and the physical danger that this reality would cause on a daily basis. This application does not consider and has not seen, what we see every single day: the gridlock that is Whalley Road long before even rush hour begins! Traffic tails back regularly to Read Hall, or even Devil's Elbow on one side; half way down Simonstone Lane at the other end of the two villages; and almost to the junction with Padiham. I live at the [REDACTED] and I see, hear and smell this reality daily, whilst those who think it's okay to drive through the villages at night at well over the speed limit, wake me at night. I have seen far too many accidents in this village over the years and far too many have had very serious consequences. I fear daily for those young children and their parents trying to cross Whalley Road at any point along its route, whilst every morning and afternoon, groups of high school children run the gauntlet of trying to cross to get to their school bus stops! It is not safe now and adding more vehicles from this application is a genuinely frightening thought! Even [REDACTED] years ago when my children were younger, I had to get in my car and drive across the road, as it was not safe to try to cross with 2 young children, and absolutely impossible and downright dangerous if they also wanted their bikes or scooters! Since then, due to the 1,000's of houses built in Whalley, Barrow and Clitheroe, it is even worse! Even this morning, I had a dangerous encounter with a vehicle whilst [REDACTED] in this village, despite my high viz and head camera - the resulting video evidence is

being sent to the police. We have 2 primary schools in our community - one in Read and one in Simonstone - both very close to the main road. Children and parents will be put in danger with more traffic and more traffic fumes - it isn't just the obvious dangers, but the lifetime dangers of pollution. The general infrastructure of the local area is of course, entirely unable to support more people, on top of the planning already going ahead in Whalley, Barrow and Clitheroe. Both primary schools are full, or have very few spaces and our local doctors surgeries are already struggling.

This planning application has shown through their own documents and reports, that a larger scheme of many more than 77 houses is actually their final aim - possibly up to 700 houses! I am arguing that this application for 77 houses be refused, on the same grounds that the Secretary of States Planning Inspector refused planning permission in 2018. Nothing has changed since that time, except that traffic through these villages has actually increased! Also, the refused application was for a smaller scheme of 50 houses, and it was argued and proven even then, that the damage caused by even 50 houses would be catastrophic.

This planning application is dangerous and destructive, not only for those it would affect now, but for those in years to come and I object strongly to all and every aspect.

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Lancashire

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2026/0356

Address of Development: Hammond Ground
Read
Burnley

Comments: Objection-Whalley Road gets extremely congested as it is, as there are two primary schools off that road between Read and Simonstone so any development along that road will cause even more chaos and will ruin the landscape of this picturesque village. The road is narrow it only takes one car at the moment to pull up and the traffic comes to a standstill. More importantly the roads already need repairing because of pot holes due to heavy vehicles constantly travelling along here, so additional cars will just add to this problem. Rerouting the lorries would be a good idea but by introducing even more vehicles along this road would cause extreme traffic delays and a great deal of inconvenience for residents and those who need to travel through to get to work.

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Address of Development: Hammond ground

Comments: I oppose the planning.

The area can't support more housing. There's no doctors surgery and the schools are at full capacity. The road through Read and Simonstone is terrible now. Adding more houses traffic and building work will be absolute chaos.

Currently there's always heavy traffic.

I use this road from Padiham to Whalley and Clitheroe several times a day and am always stuck in traffic.

The road surface is awful & hasn't held up with the amount of traffic there is now.

The area proposed is also part of the beautiful surrounding countryside which shouldn't be taken away. The town will be ruined.

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Address of Development: Hammond Ground
Whalley Road
Read

Comments: [REDACTED] driving around that area at 8:30 am/3pm and 5pm is already very chaotic whilst we run some settling in sessions and already dropping off in his current setting in great harwood using whalley road. without an alternative route I can only imagine what it's like with more roadworks etc, and obviously the spoiling of the ground itself

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2026/0356

Address of Development: Hammond Ground, Read.

Comments: I am very strongly opposed to the development on Hammond ground for several reasons. The main road through Read can barely cope with the amount of traffic now due to all the new developments in and around Whalley. The people from these areas use Burnley road to travel to Burnley, the M65 and A56. A further 77 houses could easily mean a further 100 + cars on a road that is already dangerous and packed at peak times. George lane and Straits lane will inevitably be used as rat runs up to Whins lane causing Whins lane to be dangerously overloaded. Whins lane is a beautiful quiet lane used by walkers, runners and cyclists. This will be ruined by large volumes of traffic trying to avoid Burnley Rd. It will also be very dangerous to these users.

I also object to the build due to its location on historical grounds. There are likely historical artefacts in the area earmarked for building on. This needs to be investigated further before any damage is done to potential historical items.

The plans appear to show additional plots other than those submitted for planning. Is this planning application "phase1" of a much larger project. I fear that if planning was given then the floodgates would open for further expansion.

The village has no infrastructure in place to cope with the influx of further people. There is no doctor or dentist and no preschool.

The plans appear to show that all of the new properties waste water will be diverted into existing sewage systems. These are already known to have problems this development will only add to the current issues. Also, I don't think Burnley rd would cope with the rain water run off from the site.

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2026/0356

Address of Development: Hammond Ground

Comments: This development would spoil the place we love to live. Our beautiful countryside and views would be destroyed. The main road that runs through Read to extremely busy already, so to put more houses within the village would make this road an even bigger danger than it already is.

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2026/0356

Address of Development: Hammond Ground, Whalley Road, Read

Comments: I most strongly object to this planning application as it is so very, very wrong on so many levels. Every time an application has been made over the years it has always been rejected as should it most definitely should be rejected again. The character of the village will be greatly affected negatively, our roads, schools & doctors surgeries are already stretched to absolute capacity, traffic calming measures are non existent in both Read & Simonstone & have been fought for years without success. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH !!!!!!!!! THIS DEVELOPMENT SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN PLANNING PERMISSION NOW OR EVER !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!