

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Town and Country Planning Act 1990

REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION

APPLICATION NO: 3/2026/0476

DECISION DATE: 09 October 2026

DATE RECEIVED: 14/08/2026

APPLICANT:

Mr A Burns
4 Fieldway Chase
Oulton
Leeds
LS26 8HL

AGENT:

Mrs J Douglas
Judith Douglas Town Planning Ltd
8 Southfield Drive
West Bradford
Clitheroe
BB7 4TU

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: Proposed construction of one single-storey short-term holiday let.

AT: Land north of Woodpecker House, Sawley Old Brow, Sawley, BB7 4LF.

Ribble Valley Borough Council hereby give notice in pursuance of the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that permission **has been refused** for the carrying out of the above development for the following reason(s):

- 1 The proposed development amounts to an inappropriate form of development in a rural area which fails to benefit from the policy support afforded by Policy DMB3 of the Ribble Valley Core Strategy and Policy E4 of the NPPF due to its inappropriate design and siting. Additionally, visitors would be largely dependent on private motor vehicle due to the site's poor connectivity to public transport links and the very limited facilities and services within Sawley, which does not accord with Policy DMG3 of the Ribble Valley Core Strategy or Policies TR3, L2 (b) and CC2 (2) of the NPPF (2026). The proposed development is therefore considered to be unacceptable in principle and the environmental harm identified would fail to meet the overriding objective of sustainable development.
- 2 The cumulative visual impact of the holiday let, microregeneration equipment, hardstanding areas, garden area, retaining wall feature and associated domestic paraphernalia on undeveloped land with a predominately natural character by virtue of their design and siting would collectively have a harmful urbanising impact upon the surrounding National Landscape that would neither enhance or conserve the visual amenities of the immediate or wider landscape. The proposal would therefore fail to satisfy the requirements of Policies DP3 (1) and N4 (1) of the NPPF and Key Statement EN2 and Policies DMG1, DMG2 and DME5 of the Core Strategy.

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Note(s)

1. Applications for planning permission are assessed against the National Planning Policy Framework and the policies within the Core Strategy for the Ribble Valley. The Local Planning Authority adopts a positive and proactive manner and will consider representations, liaise with consultees, and seek amendments to proposals where appropriate within statutory timescales.
2. The proposal does not comprise sustainable development and there were no amendments to the scheme, or conditions that could reasonably have been imposed, which could have made the development acceptable. It was therefore not possible to approve the application.
3. This Decision Notice should be read in conjunction with the officer's report which is available to view on the website.

Nicola Hopkins

NICOLA HOPKINS
DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Notes

Right of Appeal

If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision, then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice unless the following apply:

- If this is a decision to refuse planning permission for a householder application or a minor commercial application, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 12 weeks of the date of this notice.
- If this is a decision on a planning application relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as is already the subject of an enforcement notice [reference], if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of this notice.
- If an enforcement notice is served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within: 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or within 6 months [12 weeks in the case of a householder appeal] of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.

Appeals should be made online via <https://appeal-planning-decision.service.gov.uk/before-you-start>. If someone does not have access to the internet and needs help completing the appeal digitally, they should contact the Planning Inspectorate customer service team on 0303 444 5000 who will provide details of support options available.

Before making an appeal, you may find it helpful to review guidance and watch a video explaining the appeals process at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/make-an-appeal-to-the-planning-inspectorate-and-associated-guidance>.

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The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.