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**Ribble Valley Borough Council**  
Council Offices  
Church Walk  
Clitheroe  
BB7 2RA

**PLANNING APPLICATION: 3/2025/0363**

**LAND TO THE REAR OF PENDLE STREET EAST, SABDEN, BB7 9EQ**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to lodge a formal objection to the above planning application.

My objection is based on significant concerns regarding **highway safety** and the detrimental impact this proposal would have on road conditions and the safety of local residents, pedestrians, and road users.

### **1. INCREASED TRAFFIC VOLUME**

The proposed development is expected to generate a substantial increase in vehicle movements in an area where the existing road infrastructure is not designed to accommodate such volumes. The additional traffic will raise the risk of accidents, particularly during peak times when visibility is already compromised and roads are congested.

### **2. Narrow and Substandard Roads**

Local access roads to the site are narrow, with limited or no footpaths. These roads were not built for high volumes of traffic and already pose challenges for two-way flow and safe passage of larger vehicles, such as emergency services or delivery vans. Increased usage will only worsen these problems.

### **3. PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST SAFETY**

The area lacks sufficient pedestrian infrastructure, such as pavements and safe crossing points. An increase in vehicular traffic without proper provision for pedestrians and cyclists creates an unsafe environment, particularly for children, the elderly, and other vulnerable road users.

#### **4. ACCESS VISIBILITY AND JUNCTION SAFETY**

The access and egress points proposed for the development are poorly positioned in terms of visibility and proximity to bends, junctions, or inclines. This will present a danger for vehicles entering or exiting the development, increasing the likelihood of collisions.

#### **5.IMPACT ON SCHOOL ROUTES AND COMMUNITY USE**

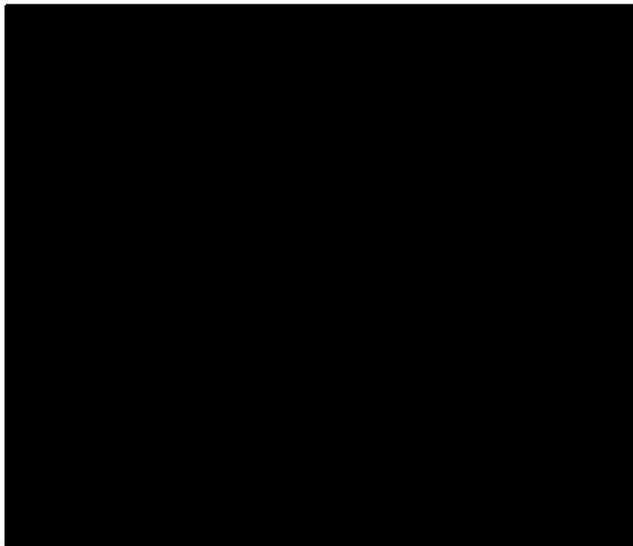
The roads affected are frequently used by school children and local residents walking to community facilities. Any increase in traffic volume—especially without traffic calming or pedestrian safety measures—raises the risk of injury and puts pressure on already strained road systems.

#### **Conclusion**

In light of the above concerns, I believe that this application should be refused on the grounds that it would pose a serious and unacceptable risk to highway safety, contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework and local planning policies which require safe and suitable access for all users.

I respectfully urge the Planning Committee to consider these objections in full when making its decision.

Yours faithfully,

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