

4<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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

06 AUG 2025

**Re: Objection to Planning Application: 3/2025/0363**

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

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the above planning application. My objection is based on the significant and unsustainable pressure this development would place on the **existing infrastructure of the village**.

Our village has limited capacity in several key areas, including:

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### **1. LOCAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT**

The local road network was designed to serve a small rural community and is already experiencing increasing levels of traffic. Additional housing will inevitably lead to more vehicles using these narrow roads, many of which lack proper pavements and pedestrian crossings. There are also limited public transport links, making car travel a necessity for most new residents and further increasing congestion.

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### **2. EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE**

There is already a shortage of places at nearby primary and secondary schools, and no guarantee that further capacity will be added in time to meet demand from new residents. Similarly, access to local healthcare services—including GP appointments and community care—is increasingly difficult, and this development would further overstretch these essential services.

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### **3. UTILITIES AND SERVICES**

The current utility infrastructure (including water supply, electricity, and waste management) was not designed to accommodate large-scale housing expansion. Without significant upgrades, this could lead to disruptions or reduced service quality for both new and existing residents.

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#### **4.RECREATIONAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

The village has limited access to green spaces, play areas, community centres, and sports facilities. Adding more homes without providing proportionate community infrastructure would erode the quality of life for all residents and diminish the village's sense of community.

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In conclusion, the proposed development does not align with the capacity or needs of our village infrastructure. It would have a **negative impact on the quality of life** for current residents, and I urge the planning authority to **refuse this application**.

Yours sincerely,

