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Dear Mr Birkett,

I am writing to express my deep concern towards the planning application 3/2021/0556, which consists of the demolition of 74, Higher Road, Longridge and the development of up to 123 new houses being built on the land to the rear of this property.

I believe that Longridge is going to lose its appeal and sustainability as a picturesque market town in the Ribble Valley countryside with the sheer amount of housing that is being built already. I am shocked to see that this application has come to this point and that the council are even considering the development.

Longridge does not have the amenities and road networks in place to cope with the number of vehicles and people in the area if this development is to be granted along with those already in the process of being built. Higher Road is already a narrow road with on street parking due to the terrace houses located along it. If you factor in an additional 200+ vehicles needing access to this potential estate, the junction of High Road and Dilworth Lane is going to be extremely busy and almost impassable at rush hour. Also factoring in highway safety and the potential rise in road traffic collisions that will occur.

You must also consider the further implications of access away to and from Longridge, Preston Road is also a very busy road and one of the only roads capable to coping with large amounts of traffic in and out of the area. However, it already struggles to do this currently and is often grid locked at busy times.

The houses along Higher Road, will also lose their appeal as the views from the rear garden of their properties will be taken away and replaced with a sloping estate cramped in between the already built Taylor Wimpey estate.

We also already have a half-built estate on Chapel Hill across from St Cecilia's School which is now struggling to sell and does not look appealing for the area. The company applying for this application is a small business in comparison to Taylor Wimpey who were in a position to buy the land but decided against it due to it not being financially beneficial. There is a chance if this application is approved, we could end up with another area looking like the Chapel Hill estate.

The amount of development on green belt land in the local area is astonishing and you must start to listen to the people who currently live here and halt any further applications to large estates like this one being built.

Please consider the local community and ensure this does not go ahead.

Yours sincerely,

