



Stephen Kilmartin
Planning Department
Council Offices
Church Walk
Clitheroe
Lancashire
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17th March 2023

Dear Stephen Kilmartin,

RE: Planning Application No: 3/2022/1158 Grid Ref: 373496 436102

Proposal: Erection of 17 dwellings and 57 apartments with associated access, roads, car parking, landscaping and infrastructure, including a public car park to serve Whalley town centre

Location: Land South of Accrington Road Whalley.

In response to your request for consultation on the above application, Whalley Parish Council have reviewed the planning application and whilst we appreciate the development has been scaled back in the number of dwellings and would be grateful of a public car park to serve Whalley, many of the concerns around flooding, loss of green spaces, the effect on wildlife, excessive traffic, dangerous road crossings with inadequate pedestrian footpaths on Accrington Road, still remain.

Flooding with water displacement issues and rising water from the ground in extreme weather are still of paramount concern. Many homes and businesses have already suffered both structurally and financially with the lack of sufficient flood prevention methods which has catastrophic affects on the centre of the village in bad weather.

The loss of green spaces and the effect on our wildlife and biodiversity with the loss of habitat has had huge impact on Whalley due to the number of new developments in and around the village.

Further increase in traffic on an already busy road will affect the access to and from the village from Accrington Road with concerns around access visibility to and from the development. The current road speed limits should need to be reviewed, as after leaving the A671 onto B6246 the national speed limits on that section would no longer be safe with the need for slower speeds of 30mph down to 20mph being adopted for pedestrian safety as the developed areas are approached.

The existing infrastructure is already insufficient having failed to keep pace with current developments which has added further pressure on already stretched GP Surgeries and Primary and Secondary Schools.

The Parish Council would ask that the Planning Authority consider all the above when considering this application.

Representatives from the Parish Council will attend the Ribble Valley Planning Meeting when this application is to be considered to respond in person.

Please confirm when this will be reviewed for consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Haworth
Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer
Whalley Parish Council