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Sent: 12 July 2021 20:08
To: Planning <planning@ribblevalley.gov.uk>
Subject: Planning Application No: 3/2021/0556

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing with regards to the planning application made to build 123 houses behind number 74 Higher Road in Longridge. [REDACTED] these plans will not only directly affect those of us whose houses back onto this site, but also the wildlife that inhabits it. Buzzards, kestrels and sparrowhawks can often be seen flying over this land, the grass cover providing a necessary habitat for hedgehogs, field mice, badgers, voles, deer and a great deal of other biodiversity, some of which is becoming critically endangered.

Our local area is now littered with building sites, almost all of which remain unfinished after years of construction work as the funds are not available to complete them and there is little desire to buy them. Many people in Longridge have been awaiting minor building repairs/extensions to their existing houses for many months which cannot be fulfilled due to a shortage of labour and materials. Far from creating necessary jobs in the area, the current building work is compounding problems for a building trade which is already inundated with projects and unable to respond to the current demand.

A government which claims to want to protect the environment and reduce CO2 emissions should take very great care that the building work it authorises is truly necessary, especially given that the construction of buildings alone in the UK is responsible for releasing around 2.4 million metric tons of carbon dioxide every year (<https://www.statista.com/statistics/486106/co2-emission-from-the-construction-industry-uk/>).

Before another housing estate is built, a serious look must be made at demand, as well as the availability of labour and resources. The last thing our local area needs is another site of half-finished houses that profits neither the local community, nor the local environment.

We sincerely hope that you will take our thoughts into consideration.

Kind regards,

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