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Subject: Planning Application No: 3/2021/0556

F.A.O. Mr. A. Birkett,

Re the application 3/2021/0556, this is another attempt to build a housing estate on a green field site on the outskirts of Longridge.

The site is a varied habitat for flowers, birds and animals, which we as a nation, and a location, seem to be losing at an alarming rate. We have birds in the immediate area which are becoming extremely rare in other parts of the country, do we want to lose those here as well? (Curlew, Lapwings, Owls, Buzzards, plus a host of song birds, small mammals, deer, badgers, hedgehogs).

This particular site will cause enormous problems on Higher Road, with the addition of approximately 300 extra car journeys per day, without taking into account the traffic from the construction site with all the heavy plant equipment. Access to Higher Road will obviously be from Dilworth Lane/King Street on leaving Higher Road, where visibility is dreadful - you are half way across before you can see what is coming up the hill. Parking is another major issue, as Club Row (a terrace of listed buildings) have no off-road parking, their cars get damaged regularly now, this will make matters far worse. Club Row in particular, but also other older properties, could also have their foundations damaged by the vibrations of the heavy vehicles. Who would be responsible for reparations for such damage? Pedestrian safety is another issue, as many young families live on the road.

The on-going construction work on the site at 'Tootle Green', off Dilworth Lane, has been a source of noise disturbance since it started years ago. The noise of reversing vehicles can be heard all day, sometimes from 6am. The vehicles seem to be in permanent reverse. Another 5 years of this sort of noise, which will be very much louder due to its proximity, will cause a lot more distress to all along Higher Road and the surrounding area.

An interesting issue is the Roman road, which according to some LIDAR images cuts right across the field of the proposed site. Would this be discussed prior to any decision taken by the Council? Please see the link below for reference.

<http://www.romanroads.org/gazetteer/rib-catt.htm>

Longridge town has building sites all around it, approved by both Ribble Valley and Preston City councils, many are unfinished, or unsold. Do we really need any more houses around the town? Can the Schools, Doctors, Dentist cope with another 123 households?

Regards



