

4TH August 2025

Ribble Valley Borough Council

Council Offices

Church Walk

Clitheroe

BB7 2RA

06 AUG 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

PLANNING APPLICATION: 3/2025/0363

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

I am writing to formally object to the above planning application on the grounds of the significant concerns it raises regarding the following issues: the increased volume of traffic, the strain on already oversubscribed local schools, and the pressure placed on local medical services, including GP practices and healthcare facilities.

1. TRAFFIC VOLUME AND ROAD SAFETY

The proposed development will result in a significant increase in the volume of traffic in an already congested area. Local roads are already experiencing heavy traffic and the introduction of additional homes will exacerbate this issue. The road network is not currently equipped to handle such an increase, which could lead to gridlock, particularly on already busy roads such as Watt Street and Pendle Street East, as well as contribute to greater air pollution and environmental degradation.

2. PRESSURE ON LOCAL SCHOOLS

The local schools, including Sabden Primary and St Mary's are already oversubscribed with waiting lists for both primary and secondary school places. The additional population resulting from this development would further intensify pressure on these educational institutions, leaving children without adequate access to quality education in their local area. This is not only a concern for local parents but also for the long-term educational outcomes for the community.

With limited capacity and resources, these schools are struggling to meet the needs of their existing pupils, let alone accommodate the expected influx from this development.

3. OVERBURDENED MEDICAL SERVICES

Local healthcare services, including GP surgeries such as Sabden and Whalley Medical centre are already under strain, with many local residents experiencing long wait times for appointments and difficulty accessing timely medical care. The increase in population resulting from this development will undoubtedly exacerbate this problem, placing further pressure on local doctors, nurses, and healthcare resources.

The current medical infrastructure simply cannot accommodate a significant increase in demand, especially in light of the ongoing pressures on the NHS and local healthcare systems.

Conclusion

Given the above concerns, I respectfully request that this planning application is rejected.

Yours sincerely,

