

Ribble Valley Borough Council

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Clitheroe

Objection letter to 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 significant concerns regarding traffic and drainage issues. These concerns, if unaddressed, could have serious implications for the local area, both in terms of safety and the environment. I would like to outline my objections as follows:

1. Traffic Issues

The proposed development is likely to lead to an increase in traffic volume in the surrounding area, which is already experiencing considerable congestion. The local roads, particularly Watt Street and Pendle Street East are frequently used by commuters, pedestrians, school children and cyclists, and any increase in traffic flow could pose safety risks to all road users.

- **Increased congestion:** The area is already struggling with traffic during peak hours, and the addition of 19 houses would exacerbate this problem, particularly at the proposed entrance to the site and the bottom of Pendle Street East.
- **Safety concerns:** The increase in traffic could lead to more accidents, particularly at busy junctions or pedestrian crossings. There is a significant concern for the safety of residents, children, and pedestrians in the area.
- **Parking problems:** The development may also place further strain on local parking availability, which is already a challenge. If not properly addressed, this could result in parked cars blocking roads, creating additional hazards and access issues.

2. Drainage and Flood Risk

There are serious concerns regarding the potential impact of the development on the local drainage system, particularly during periods of heavy rainfall.

- **Existing drainage issues:** The area already experiences drainage problems, with localized flooding occurring during heavy rain. The addition of new developments could exacerbate this issue, especially if adequate drainage measures are not incorporated into the planning.
- **Surface water runoff:** If the site is not adequately designed to manage surface water runoff, it could lead to increased flooding on surrounding properties and infrastructure. I would ask that the council thoroughly review the drainage plans to ensure that they address the risk of flooding in both the short and long term.
- **Environmental impact:** The development could negatively affect local ecosystems if proper drainage controls are not implemented, including the risk of pollution from surface water runoff affecting local streams, rivers, or natural watercourses.

I urge the council to carefully consider these concerns, as the local infrastructure may not be equipped to handle the additional strain that this development could place on both the road network and drainage system.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature and contact information]