

I would like to refer the inspector to the Parish Councils objection date 26th July 2020. My intention is to echo those comments and reiterate those facts.

Our objection is based on the following:

- **A 5 year supply of housing can be demonstrated in Preston.**
- **The Preston Local Plan 2012-2016 does not allocate any sites for housing development in rural areas.**
- **The proposal would fail to focus development at an appropriate location contrary to Policies 1, 13 and 21 of the Central Lancashire Core Strategy (2012)**
- **Contrary to the NPPF and Sustainable Development**
- **Unacceptable and Sustainable increase in housing numbers (circa 50% in 5 years)**
- **Contrary to the draft Neighbourhood Plan**
- **Economic, Social & Environmental impact too high**
- **This appeal goes against the refusal of application 06/2018/1297**
- **Unacceptable Visual and Landscape Impacts on the open countryside**
- **Lack of infrastructure i.e. Highways etc...**

Access to the site is off an existing busy road and we question whether the proposed junction is suitable for the volume of traffic expected, circa 22,000 vehicles per day. LCC have acknowledged that the funding is not available at present to deliver the strategy needed to ensure the A6 has the capacity to support proposed development, and is appropriately furnished to cope with the increase in traffic.

The facts are that since 2015 there have been **415** homes grant planning with a further 39 due to be approved, as they form part of the Wyre Local Plan. This takes the approved total to **454** in a five year period. An increase in the Barton housing stock of over **50%** in the same period, this is the very definition of unsustainable. The Parish Council feels this does not represent a reasonable or more to the point sustainable figure for such a small community. There is no given need for this development and infrastructure cannot keep pace with high expansion levels. In addition, when taken into consideration that Preston City Council can already demonstrate a 5 years supply of housing, with one example being **5500** homes being built in northwest Preston alone. We urge the inspector to carefully consider the aforementioned figures.

The appellant will often talk of a **NEED** for housing and the perceived economic benefit associated. The reality is often a fragmenting of communities with poorly conceived developments, followed by the token gestures, such as a park bench to satisfy a planning condition.

The Parish Council have had many meetings with this developer in our village over the past few years. Despite many written and well-reasoned suggestions at both pre planning and reserved matters stages, we continue to see inappropriate, ill thought out housing developments that deliver nothing for our village or indeed Preston as a City. The only legacy this development offers is an unnecessary expansion in to open country, outside the village boundary. Recent planning applications granted to this developer have not delivered quality, innovation, exemplar features or indeed contribute any positive benefit to the village.

There is a human price to pay for continued over development in Barton. The psychological stress placed on residents due to the nature of this and other applications is a hidden burden we all share. I personally know six families that have taken the reluctant step of moving away from Barton because the character of the village has been eroded by unsustainable growth, damaging its very fabric forever.

The Parish Council would like the inspector to base their judgement on the facts of the case. These including a demonstrable 5 year housing supply, unsustainable levels of approved applications, significant infrastructure issues with no given solutions across multiple authorities and the continuous impact on open countryside. All these facts and many others presented to the inspector by Preston City Council and the Parish offer a body of evidence that demonstrates a refusal of this appeal would represent a balanced judgement that respects government policy and guidelines.