

EL2.006 MIQ response from R & M Holt (5067) re Matter 9 (H13) Land south of Commercial Street, Loveclough

From: Nigel Holt
Sent: 13 August 2019 21:09
To: Tony Blackburn
Subject: Re: Rossendale Local Plan.

LIVRA have asked residents who are concerned with plans to build in Loveclough to forward their concerns to you. Please accept my comments on the current plans for building to the South of Commercial Street, Loveclough. I am very much opposed to these plans for the following reasons.

1. Originally the council stated that there would be no major development to the west of Burnley Road in Loveclough.
2. Planning for houses opposite Badgercote Estate on the site of old garages and scrubland were rejected by the council and also rejected on appeal recently.
3. Residents were not properly informed of plans for this site which gave people little time to voice concerns before the council gave their go ahead.
4. The land in question I am familiar with and in wet weather is liable to flooding.
5. The impact the development will have on the infrastructure of the area, such as school places, doctors, dentists, overstretched sewage systems.
6. Impact on the local wildlife. Badgers, foxes and deer all inhabit this area.
7. In winter, when there is a risk of snow, many car owners from the local estates double park all down the main road causing risk of accidents and making negotiation of the road hazardous. Another Estate with a sloping access road would further aggravate the problem.
8. More large scale development will further destroy the character and heritage of our ever growing village community.
9. More development to the North of Rawtenstall will make congestion on the roads to the M66 even worse than they are now at busy times. [Rawtenstall was recently mentioned as one of the worst congestion spots in the country]
10. In past experience with the Penny Lodge Development, a large proportion of the residents have come from out of the area and many use Burnley Road to get to the motorways to commute to work. I feel more options should be explored to the South of Rawtenstall with direct access to the motorway systems.

I would be grateful if these opinions could be passed on to the relevant parties when the Rossendale Local Plan is discussed in the coming months by the Inspectors.

Many thanks, Richard and Michele Holt.