

MIQ response per Kathryn Nicholas 5326 re Matter 9

Dear Sir

Re Local Development Plan: Loveclough - Proposed Sites at Swinshaw Hall and Top Club and land to rear

Please note my comments and concerns regarding the above.

1 The extra demands created by more houses being built at these two sites in Loveclough will put the existing infrastructure, roads, medical, dental and educational facilities under even more strain than they already are now. Surely adequate local services should be available before more demands are put on the existing roads and services.

2 More houses in these locations will inevitably bring more cars on to the A682, and Goodshaw Lane being very narrow would be totally unsuitable for extra vehicular access in the case of the Swinshaw Hall site.

3 Everyone living on Burnley Road in this area knows how when we have snow and ice in the winter residents on existing estates off the A682 park their vehicles on the main road (A682) as the weather conditions prohibit them safe access to their homes. The proposed sites will encounter the same problems for its inhabitants adding to existing disruption and safety issues in such conditions.

4 Wildlife habitat will be lost and I am particularly concerned regarding the potential threat to mature and semi mature trees on and around the proposed sites.

5 Rossendale BC has previously stated it would not permit building on the west side of Burnley Road. **If these plans were to be approved it would set a precedent for further building development on the west side of Burnley Road. Thus the open nature of the landscape between Crawshawbooth and Loveclough will irreversibly be eroded and lost forever.**

6 As a resident living in a house backing on to the Swinshaw Hall site I am most concerned about the risk of flooding should this land be built on. The fields which lie above the Burnley Road properties currently absorb huge amounts of rainfall thus averting this risk.

7 Lastly, but by no means least the total unsuitability of building new houses around the historic ancient building of Swinshaw Hall would greatly detract from this much loved local point of interest.

I sincerely hope that the above points will be given the due consideration this matter genuinely deserves.

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