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Dear Planning Inspectors

RE: ROSSENDALE LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION, IN PARTICULAR, CONCERNS
PERTAINING TO GOODSHAW & LOVECLOUGH

I am dismayed at the amount of housing planned for land east & west of the A682. It was only through the Limey Valley Residents' Association newsletters that I became aware of Rossendale Borough Council's plans. RBC did not consult with residents on their proposals.

Whilst I understand the need for housing nationally I feel our local area cannot support this volume of extra households.

Infrastructure is a major issue:

- 250+ households will mean 250+ more vehicles on the A682, Burnley Road, the only main road in this valley.
- All will need a GP and a dentist.
- Many will need school places.
- All will need to travel to access workplaces, shops, hairdressers, etc at a time when central government is urging people to reduce car use.
- Would current water & sewerage piping cope without major upgrade?

Other concerns:

- Would these houses be suitable for low-income families & single people for whom there is the greatest need for homes?

- Would there be provision for elderly persons' homes?
- The topography of the area means that in snowy & icy conditions many residents on steep roads leave their cars at the side of the A682 potentially hindering the progress of emergency vehicles & buses. The housing plans could exacerbate such a situation.
- The character of Loveclough, in particular, would be transformed from a small rural community into an urban-style housing estate.

It is my feeling that the proposed developments have not been thought through thoroughly to consider the impact on the local community, especially with regard to infrastructure to support such a huge increase in population.

Yours faithfully

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