

Mr Tony Blackburn

Mr Steven Hodgkinson

29<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Dear Mr Blackburn

**Ref: Rossendale Local Plan examination Matter 9 Rawtenstall, Crawshawbooth, Goodshaw and Loveclough, Matters Issues Questions (MIQS) Issue H6 Land South of 1293 Burnley Road, Loveclough, Rossendale. BB4 8RG**

I am writing to **OBJECT** to the above proposed planning application by Rossendale Borough Council, on the following grounds.

**Traffic and Accidents:** The land for the proposed self builds is on a blind bend and a 40mph stretch of road, Please see the latest list of accidents that have happened either outside the proposed piece of land or on the other side of the road.

Accident 1 on 28.06.2017 Outside 1354 Burnley Road, Accident involving **4 vehicles**

Accident 2 on 15/05/2018 Outside 1356 Burnley Road, Accident Involving **3 Vehicles**

Accident 3 on 01/12/2018 Outside 1378 Burnley Road, Accident Involving **2 Vehicles**

Plus In recent months we have seen **6 parked Vehicles** crashed into by speeding motorist within the area of our home.

We have seen on the row starting 1277 Burnley Road, Loveclough a car and the bollards crashed into and lots of damaged done.

Row 1376 Burnley Road a van crashed into again lots of damage done.

More recently over the Easter holiday 2019, on our row of houses 1277 Burnley Road, Loveclough, Rossendale we had **3 Vehicles** crashed into by a car coming round a blind bend far too fast. This was early on a Sunday morning when we were all in bed and the roads were clear.

Most recently on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019, Mid-morning we again heard a loud bang and **1 Vehicle** had been smashed into outside 1245 Burnley Road.

Even the local councillor has concerns about this bad bend (see attached copy of email From Councillor David Foxcroft).

The plans would mean that 5 or more cars would either be parked on the road or a driveway, reversing or pulling out into oncoming traffic on a blind bend. You can reduce the speed, but no can see round corners or blind bends.

I believe the list of recent accidents speaks for its self, in highlighting the dangers and regarding the safety of the public.

**Poor design:**The design obviously hasn't taken into account the amount of accidents in recent times and the safety of the proposed home owners.

**Proof of Need:**With the excising proposed plans to build around 266 homes in the area, 124 Houses at Swinshaw Hall, 105 Houses at Top club and land at rear, 30 Houses at Turton Hollow and 7 Houses at Goodshawfold Road. I have to ask is there really a need to put people's life at risk for 5 Extra houses?

I trust you will look at my **Object** sympathetically and weigh up the risks and road safety aspect of my Objection.

This Objection is purely due to the fact that having lived on Burnley Road for more than 33 years and witnessed the increase in the volume of traffic. It has become more of a danger when parking, driving off and when parked overnight you never know if your car will be in one piece the next day.

I will not be able to attend the meeting planned for 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 & our Specific meeting planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> October, However My wife Mrs Lynne Hodgkinson may be able to attend.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Steven Hodgkinson