

Edenfield Village Residents Association

Chairman; paul bradburn,

PUBLIC EXAMINATION OF ROSSENDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S LOCAL PLAN. RESPONSE TO M.I.Q.S

Matter 8 b The scale of the proposals. We consider that the proposal to build 456 new houses in Edenfield is completely out of proportion to a village of its size.

The village currently has 973 houses and it has taken several hundred years to arrive at this total. This plan would take the total to more than 1400, would increase the population by approximately 47% and increase the built up area by about 90%, all in a mere 15 years. This would radically alter the character of the village and is strongly opposed by residents as illustrated by the large numbers who objected to the Regulation 18 document and an even larger number did so to the regulation 19 version. The village could accommodate a number of houses something like the average for the Borough of 10-12% of existing stock, say 100 to 125 houses without affecting its essential character. Many of the objections were made because of the sheer scale of the Council's proposals.