

Mrs P. McIlroy

12th Jan 2015

Derek Thomas
Pendle Core Strategy Examination,
c/o Town Hall, Nelson

Dear Sir,

re: proposal to build 270 houses on The Rough, Colne, off Skipton Old Road.

I am writing to ask you to take the following views into consideration when discussing the above request for planning applications'

My home does not overlook the above proposed vast development so I do not have a direct "vested" interest - I write because I have the interests of Colne at heart. This area has ample property for sale - both "affordable" and more expensive. There is no call for a massive building project. There is, apparently, a need for more affordable housing in the Southern Counties but that need does not apply here. The price of housing is much less in the North and there are plenty of properties available.

The North of England had an industrial heritage and it has been a long fight in some areas to counteract the results of that. Colne is a small working town with a beautiful fringe of countryside, treasured by all. There are many potential, former industrial, sites closer to the amenities (brown sites) which, were they to be developed for housing would serve to enhance the area.

By contrast, building houses on The Rough would greatly add to road congestion (the adjoining roads are narrow and unsuitable for increased traffic) overload services such as schools and doctors and would destroy part of our beautiful area.

Take a look and see for yourself; see the former industrial areas, derelict for years, which would benefit from being redeveloped; see the beautiful countryside between Colne and Skipton; see the available affordable housing; see the queuing traffic on the already busy North Valley road leading to the M65.

We ask that you reject this application on the grounds that it is not necessary, not appropriate and almost an act of vandalism.

Yours Faithfully,

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