



# Lidgett & Beyond

## A New Year of Housing & Gridlock!

If a proposed development for suburban sprawl on the rural fringes of Colne goes ahead, with a development of 270 houses on The Rough, this majestic scene...



...will be replaced with unsuitable/unsustainable housing and traffic gridlock through Colne and Trawden...



Lidgett & Beyond Meeting at Colne Cricket Club  
Noon - 2 p.m. and 6 - 9 p.m. on 10<sup>th</sup> January  
All members welcome



Lidgett & Beyond aims to protect and enhance the East Colne area, known as the “Green Lungs of Colne”.

## What YOU can do to help us:

- Join us at [info@lidgettandbeyond.co.uk](mailto:info@lidgettandbeyond.co.uk) - send your name, address, landline/mobile, email and any information on your skills / knowledge / experience / contacts / etc to us and we'll add you to our mailing list. It is free to join L&B.
- Attend the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January to find out more
- Look at our website - [www.lidgettandbeyond.org](http://www.lidgettandbeyond.org)
- Follow us on Facebook - [Lidgett, Bents and Beyond](https://www.facebook.com/Lidgett,BentsandBeyond) and Twitter - [lidgettandbeyond](https://twitter.com/lidgettandbeyond)
- Read the planning documents and lodge your comments at the Pendle Planning Portal - <http://tinyurl.com/kj4wcfx> or access the Portal via this QR code:  
90 houses application – 13/14/0580P  
Overall 270 houses application – 13/14/0581P  
**Comment on BOTH by 21<sup>st</sup> January**
- Write to your councillors and our MP



The land owners claim that only a small increase in traffic will result on Castle Road, Windermere Avenue and Skipton Old Road, but Lidgett & Beyond believes that the extra cars will generate over 1,000 extra journeys a day, snarling up the main route of North Valley-Byron Road-A6068 to Yorkshire. This commuters' new town of 270 houses planned for the Green Lungs of Colne at The Rough will clog up routes to/from Trawden and Yorkshire and will increase journey times to the M65.

The documents also suggest that the inhabitants of this new suburb will be happy to walk up to 2km to their jobs, schools and shops. We all know that this is highly improbable and that very few people are prepared to walk such distances on a daily basis. The location for the development is simply unsustainable and is based on the greedy and lazy assumption that only a green field site is viable.

These applications were sneakily lodged just before Christmas in an attempt to get it quietly passed and with no further public consultation, so that it can generate nearly £50million of revenue and featherbedded £10million of profit for this offshore company, Junction Property, and whoever they select as developer.

These applications have been lodged on land that is currently protected from development until 2016 and before Pendle's Core Strategy is formally adopted, which would help the Council plan where development goes. They know that 2015 will see a push to develop brownfield land in Pendle and they want to snaffle up a prize chunk of greenfield before this happens. Make no mistake, this is a speculative building land grab!

This unsustainable development will bring disruption to the daily lives of thousands in this area over many, many years. The only facilities the land owners are prepared to fund are some children's play equipment and some new paths, yet the number of houses equates in scale to many local villages. The initial designs shown at their developers' consultation earlier depicted a maze-like mega-estate, utterly at variance to "Bonnie Colne". The plan to despoil our green countryside and replace it with "Nowheresville" will yield millions for them but only misery for us.



You only have until **21<sup>st</sup> January** to make your feelings known to Pendle Council's Planning Department and local councillors.