Opposition to the Local Plan.

Proposed by Cllr Don Whitaker

Seconded by Cllr Alan Hosker

The Burnley Local Plan, brought in by the Labour administration in 2018, has seen significant amounts of our green spaces allocated to housing developments in spite of the strong objections of local residents and the significant number of vacant houses in the Borough.

This has included land off Red Lees Road where 125 homes are now being built, fields behind Smithyfield Avenue and Rossendale Road allocated to housing, and several new industrial units proposed for our green spaces rather than on brownfield land.

This Council therefore resolves that the Burnley local Plan as it is currently constituted does not command the support of residents within the borough. This Council should work with the Government in their proposed Planning reforms to ensure that any new developments prioritises disused and/ or empty properties within the Borough, and utilises brownfield land wherever possible.