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**Information from Bretherton Parish Council which has emerged since the end of the CLP Consultation**

The second draft of the Bretherton Neighbourhood Plan was put out to consultation between April 15<sup>th</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup> 2025.

Three of the responses received mentioned two issues that have never been drawn to our attention before but these issues may have a bearing on the proposed development on site 7 of the CLP.

**Ridge and Furrow**

An unconfirmed claim that the field at site 7 contains evidence of ridge and furrow farming practices from medieval times. Any development of the size proposed on site 7 would result in the destruction of the ridge and furrow structures present as well as increasing the flood risk as mentioned in our April 13<sup>th</sup> response. It is also noted that this site is just outside the boundary of the conservation area and the impact of its setting would require to be considered.

**Anthrax Burial Site**

There are unconfirmed reports from three respondents, two of whom were resident in the village in the early 1950s that anthrax-infected livestock were buried in this field. The possibility that this is dangerously contaminated land should be investigated before any decision is made on allocating this site for residential development. Steps to verify this have thus far proved difficult and other older residents have no recollection whatsoever of this incident. We have emailed Mr Doug Cridland who has no record of this or any other outbreaks or burials. One of our Neighbourhood Plan steering group is currently researching the issue with Defra.