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Lymm - Green Belt Parcel LY22

Dear Sirs,

I understand a proposal has been submitted to Warrington Borough Council to remove the fields to the South of Higher Lane from the Green Belt. I wish to formally object to this proposal as I believe there are numerous other more favourable sites around Lymm, some of which are Brown Field as opposed to Green Belt.

I comment further, as follows:-

1. **Value of landscape.** As you will doubtless be aware, the British landscape is quite unique in the world and extremely beautiful. It is absolutely essential for our children, our grandchildren and for their children and their grandchildren that this is protected. LY22 is a beautiful plot which plays an important role in the wider landscape and rural nature of Lymm village. The parcel protects and improves the quality and character of Lymm and the wider countryside. In respecting its unique character, the site does not have the capacity to accommodate further development.
2. **Planning of the Environment.** With an every growing population it is essential that we should focus on protecting our most beautiful landscapes when planning the future environment. It would be a catastrophic loss if Parcel LY22 was lost forever to the significant detriment of the current and future generations.

3. **The Site.**

- 3.1 **Site Access.** I do not agree with the representation put forward by Berrys. The proposed site access will have a significantly greater impact than alternative sites, partly because of the access point on Crouchley Lane. Crouchley Lane is a narrow country lane (in poor condition, with many, many potholes because it is already used as a cut-through). The lane is really only suitable for light traffic, furthermore the proposed access on a bend is unsuitable and potentially dangerous.
- 3.2 **Character of the Countryside.** Lymm's agricultural landscape is arguably one of the best in the Borough, in terms of quality and condition. To simply state that the site is grade 3 agricultural land misses the point of the Green Belt. The site is an area of great landscape value; as a consequence landscape quality of the site should be taken into account when considering its removal from the Green Belt.

The significant housing expansion into Green Belt sites over the years, has fundamentally altered the rural characteristic of Lymm, for which it has always been well known. It is this unique English landscape character that I feel should be preserved and thus believe that Parcel LY22 should be considered an Area of Great Landscape Value (AGLV) - an area of land with a quality of landscape which is considered to have a particular scenic value – and should not be developed now, or at any time in the future.

- 3.3 **The NPPF refers to the essential characteristics of Green Belts being their openness and permanence.** It states that when established, Green Belt boundaries should only be altered in exceptional circumstances; I am clear that the case for removing Green Belt Parcel LY22 from the Green Belt is not an exceptional case and the case put forward is not at all compelling.

In summary, I believe very strongly that Green Belt Parcel LY22 should remain within the Green Belt and that the proposal submitted to Warrington Borough Council should not be approved. At base level there are numerous

other more suitable Green Belt and, in particular, Brown Field sites which are more suitable to meet the housing requirements of the next two decades.

I would be very grateful if these comments could be taken into account in the decision making process.

Yours faithfully,

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