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Good Afternoon

I live on Higher Lane in Lymm and there is currently a proposal to build 240 houses on the green belt land directly behind my home, with the potential for that figure to rise to 500. For reference it is R18-076 on your plans.

I must object to these proposals for many important reasons.

Firstly, the land is part of the green belt policy and is used currently for agricultural purposes. It is my understanding that land such as this must be protected to maintain its agricultural purpose. The land is currently rented by 3 farmers (my understanding) and the whole area is worked year round for this purpose. Supplying local produce is an important part in giving Lymm and other such areas their historic and special character.

Green belt policy is designed to prevent towns merging with one another and this proposal certainly reneges on this understanding. Lymm and the villages surrounding each have a unique character and this would be greatly damaged with sprawling expansion into the countryside, which is a significant reason why these are desirable areas in which to live.

Secondly, there would be serious logistical pitfalls to these plans. Schools are already at capacity, it takes several weeks to see a GP at the local surgery and the road network already struggles to cope with current traffic levels. This is particularly evident during school start/finish times, making it dangerous for children walking to/from school. Other than the traffic the roads themselves are in very poor condition, merely being patched year after year. Your colleagues who hosted the Lymm Village Hall discussion day did not show any plans to resolve these issues, which are already a shambles.

Finally, it seems strange to me that a village losing its amenities would be an appropriate place for housing development. The village no longer has a bank or post office, with only a scarce bus schedule to Warrington and Altrincham. Further in the past Lymm also had a train station. Apart from the tennis and golf club (both of which are already busy) the village has a lack of leisure facilities too.

From a lifelong Lymm resident, please take these points and into consideration. In my lifetime the village has already seen its character diminished by previous expansion and I do not wish to see this further eroded.

Kind regards

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