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I am opposing the removal of the above plot R18/076 from Greenbelt.

My objections are as follows:

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1]. VALUABLE AGRICULTURAL LAND

It is a well known fact that British farming is in crisis and as we are unsure of Post-Brexit Agricultural Policies, it is imperative to keep this valuable asset of greenbelt/farmland to safeguard the continuation of future production of arable farming. Plot R18/076 has always been in continual use as productive farmland and should stay as such

2]. URBAN SPRAWL AND IMPACT ON WILDLIFE

The construction of 240 houses on this greenbelt land and the massive infrastructure needed for such a huge development; i.e. Urban lighting, roads, pathways, noise and light pollution would seriously impact on the diverse wildlife in and around this plot and the surrounding countryside. Hares, fox, badger, hedgehogs, bats, newts, frogs and toads together with birds such as owl, woodpecker, lapwing, buzzard, swallow, all would be forced out of this natural habitat when we should be protecting and encouraging such diversity of our British wildlife.

3]. PROPOSED ENTRANCE/EXIT SITE

The proposed entrance/exit site on Crouchley Lane is on a narrow country lane and on a tight blind bend. This is totally unsuitable and extremely dangerous. Over the years there have been numerous accidents and many near-misses on this stretch of Crouchley Lane. For pedestrians there is only one narrow footpath running the length from the junction off Higher Lane to the proposed entrance/exit site. Being in very close proximity to Lymm Rugby Club [which has plans passed for new clubhouse and housing development] and Lymm Dam, at certain times Crouchley Lane is used for parking overload and is impossible for pedestrian access. The excessive further traffic movement that would ensue from this development would most definitely cause major safety issues for both pedestrians and motorists alike.

I know from experience the difficulty of exiting Crouchley Lane onto Higher Lane, especially at peak/school times. There is a constant stream of traffic along Higher Lane and it takes a considerable time to access safely onto this main road. How would 400+ extra vehicles from this development cope during these extremely busy times?

SUMMARY:

Lymm's schools, Dr's, Dentists together with the Motorway access points, local car parks , are already at full capacity , and the fact that we no longer have a bank or main Post Office. The excessive demands which this development would bring will only serve to erode Lymms well-known appeal as a historical, picturesque, quaint, tranquil village.

It is for these reasons that I strongly oppose the release of R18/076 from Greenbelt.

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