

Dear Sirs,

RE: R18/076 or SHLAA2901 – Land to the East of Crouchley Lane. Part of parcel of Land LY22
Individual Response to Local Plan

This letter is in support of my on line standard response form and objects to any proposal to release this parcel of land for housing development.

I am associated with two technical reports which have been submitted and give them my full endorsement. The reports referred to are:

1. Gary Earnshaw Planning focusing on the captioned site.
2. Walsingham Planning Report focusing on the importance of keeping this particular piece of land within Warrington Borough Councils accepted Green Belt.

I have walked over these fields on the footpath with our dog and children for years; beautiful open space, rich agricultural land and a view of open, pastoral land for miles around.

I have seen magnificent fields of wheat harvested, a wide variety of crops sown every year and never left fallow, it must be one of the richest sections of agricultural land in the area.

Last year I was thrilled to see about eight pairs of lapwings nesting in these fields, such a rare sight these days that I was going to phone the RSPB to see if it was possible to put some kind of protection on the site. I have seen hares running over the field after the wheat had been harvested.

I am surprised that WBC has even allowed this site (R18/076) to be put forward as a suggested area for housing development. I know that the Council is here to protect our interests and to that effect I am delighted to see that you have already endorsed the Arup assessment (2016) that this site makes a 'strong contribution' to the Green Belt in an 'undeniable way, whereby removal of the parcel from the Green Belt would detrimentally undermine this purpose' (i.e. that of safeguarding the countryside from encroachment) in your own Green Belt Assessment report as recently as July 2017.

The main reason my husband and I chose to live in Lymm [REDACTED] years ago, was because we loved the fact that as you drove out of Manchester, Lymm village was one of the first you came to that was surrounded by fields.

Our first home was in [REDACTED] where there was just a few houses and a space beside us along the canal where a travelling fair used to come to the village every year, that space is now completely covered in houses right up to Cyril Bell Close.

When we moved to [REDACTED] we could walk past the old school on Grammar School road and its lovely playing fields. All gone! All now houses on Scholar's Green estate. The community tried so hard to keep that school building as a community centre but the campaign was ignored and the beautiful building, parquet floors and all was levelled to the ground and built on.

By the time our children were at the High School, there was one field left at the end of Longbutt Lane where the cows used to walk to the fence to watch the school children pass. It is now crammed with houses.... The Seasons Development...

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Rushgreen Road, crammed with houses, infilled to the maximum! I am sure the children from the village will soon be able to walk the length of Lymm from west to east without passing a single open space. What a shame for a village that was 'renowned' for its rural character that you have encouraged this huge amount of @recent housing expansion of Lymm into greenfield sites which has 'fundamentally altered and reduced the rural character of the area for which it is renowned (p273 The councils Landscape Character Assessment report 2007. Much of this development has taken place since that report!

I am sure this plot of land will not be put forward for any of your proposed housing developments but if it did I would point out that the egress from the proposed pedestrian access down Tower Lane onto the extremely narrow pavement and blind bend onto Higher Lane (A56) would be enough to stop this proposal when the Highways study is undertaken.

Pedestrians would also be extremely vulnerable to any of the cars exiting their properties along this stretch as the vehicles have to be ON the pavement to have any line of sight to allow them to join the very busy (and still, sadly, very fast!) A 56.

I am extremely grateful to the hard work and speedy initiative taken by so many of my neighbours when they realised what a ridiculously tight time frame you allowed for consultation and representation for such a massive development scheme that will affect the lives of everyone in Lymm.

Photos attached in support of the points discussed above. Those of the field are self-explanatory, just a beautiful, open space of prime agricultural land and the one taken from my driver's seat immediately before I would exit my drive. You can see from this how far I have to be OVER the pavement and I still can't see what is going to hit me on exit, never mind how many school children I might have to have squashed or piled up on the pavement to make my escape!

Please protect our beautiful 'R18/076, not just for now but in perpetuity.

Yours Sincerely,

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