



**Objections to the proposed housing development
on Green Lane Burtonwood**

Dear Sir,

We strongly object to proposed housing development on Green Lane Burtonwood and the following list are our reasons.

Greenbelt

We are very proud of our greenbelt village location, being completely surrounded by open land on all of its approach roads. We feel that this development would remove a large proportion of the open land, with a knock-on effect on wildlife habitat and a reduction of farmland as well as an increase in CO2 production.

We feel that allowing this development would open the door for others to follow, using up even more of the greenbelt.

Roads

The proposed entrance to the development is on Green Lane opposite to Burtonwood Community Primary School. This is a narrow lane and would become dangerous with vehicles entering and leaving especially at school open and closing times. There are already issues with road safety with the number of vehicles that park on Green Lane & Phipps Lane at these times.

Schools

Burtonwood has two primary schools, the one already mentioned and St Paul of the Cross roman catholic school situated on Chapel Lane. Any new development would bring an increase in the number of children looking for placements. The schools are already at full capacity and restrictive budgets would make it impossible for them to expand or increase the staff numbers.

It would mean an increase in car journeys if children do not get places in these schools.

Health Care

Burtonwood currently has two General Practice Surgeries, both of which have restricted opening hours. With the decline in number of GP's nationally it is becoming increasingly more difficult to get an appointment, with many people having to wait well over a week to see a doctor. Any increase in the local population would only make this situation worse.

Sewage Drainage & Water Supply

A number of years ago another proposed development was declined because it was discovered that there was a problem inherent in the local sewage system and that it was working at full capacity.

 there has been no improvements made to the system.

Any building developments add problems to land drainage and can lead to problems with flooding. Inconsistent water pressure has also been a problem over the years and numerous water main bursts. In a recent conversation with a United Utilities engineer, he said the local mains were in need replacement.

Any increase in population would add to demand for water, increasing the problems.

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