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Title	JPA 35: North of Mosley Common
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Soundness - Positively prepared?	Unsound
Soundness - Justified?	Unsound
Soundness - Consistent with national policy?	Unsound
Soundness - Effective?	Unsound
Compliance - Legally compliant?	Yes
Compliance - In accordance with the Duty to Cooperate?	Yes
Redacted reasons - Please give us details of why you consider the consultation point not to be legally compliant, is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.	<p>Traffic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This area is already drowning under traffic and has been for many years –REDACTED TEXT and it's got gradually worse and believe it has been doing for many years before this. The average number of cars per household is 1.2 so 1,100 houses means an increase of 1,320 cars... realistically though it is likely that the figure will be higher than this as most of the houses will be family homes and both parents will have cars. This doesn't even include all additional cars the additional proposed building sites in the local area (Wigan and Salford) would add. A couple of examples follow below • Mosley Common to the Worsley Roundabout (J13 of the M60) can take up to an hour during certain parts of the day – it should take 8 to 10 minutes. It's a 2.5 mile journey... that means the traffic is averaging 2.5 miles per hour! This means employees who have to commute to work at these hours suffer a huge reduction in quality of life due to commuting time... all these additional cars from the proposed new building site would reduce quality of life even further. The environment also suffers from cars moving so slowly – this area already has terrible air pollution. • The Mort Lane roundabout, at certain parts of the day, is consistently gridlocked to Madams Wood Road and further (literally 100s of cars). I recently drove down Mort Lane at Midday – there were over 50 cars in the queue, even at this time of day. • The traffic to Tyldesley can, at certain parts of the day, be back up to Mosley Common (approx. 1 mile) • The proposed changes to the traffic infrastructure come nowhere near to solving the current traffic challenges and this would only be exacerbated by future building. <p>Green Belt vs Brownfield</p>

- Wigan Council recently released a brownfield register – this shows Wigan has brownfield sites to accommodate c8,800 houses. Why use Green Belt when all this Brownfield exists. 7.12 of the plan states Wigan has enough brownfield to meet supply over the next 17 years!

Pollution

- This area already has terrible air pollution for many reasons, especially traffic. All these additional houses would only make it worse due to the additional cars and the reduction of green belt.

Review of Requirements

- There has been no review of housing requirements recently – this lack of review has become even more necessary and important since COVID where it has been shown that people are moving out of cities and urban areas.

The following comments are more generic but I feel they must be raised

- The communication about Places for Everyone has been TERRIBLE – some sceptical people might think it was done in order to push these proposals through the “back door”. Notices were posted on a couple of lamp posts and it was left to our MP to write to everybody in the local area!
- The website to put forward comments was not remotely user friendly. I consider myself technically strong and struggled.... I dread to think how those who are not technically strong would have put forward their comments. The online form talks about “Duty to Cooperate” and “Legally Compliant” – this could easily scare people off completing the form. There should have been explanations offered about these terms.
- I’m yet to find a single person who agrees with this proposal – it is not supported by our MP (nor our other local MPs and nor local councillors)

To conclude, I do not support this proposal at all – it should be removed in full due to traffic and pollution combined with the fact that Wigan has more than enough brownfield to meet current and future requirements.

Redacted modification - Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make this section of the plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified above.

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