

Places for Everyone Representation 2021

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Title	Stakeholder Submission
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Title	Our Strategic Objectives
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Our strategic objectives - Considering the information provided for our strategic objectives, please tick which of these objectives your written comment refers to:	8. Improve the quality of our natural environment and access to green spaces 9. Ensure access to physical and social infrastructure
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Title	JPA 36: Pocket Nook
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Soundness - Positively prepared?	NA
Soundness - Justified?	Unsound
Soundness - Consistent with national policy?	Unsound
Soundness - Effective?	Unsound
Compliance - Legally compliant?	NA
Compliance - In accordance with the Duty to Cooperate?	No
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>Don't know if it is legal or not but as I understand the this would need compulsory purchase of farm land. I have been informed before compulsory purchase is only to be used in extreme circumstances. For services such as railways or things that could not be placed anywhere else. Building houses or units does not come into this category.</p> <p>Three generations of REDACTED TEXT family have farmed this land. Since 2013 several letters have been sent to the council stating the land is not for sale. However, they insist on including it in their plans again and again.</p> <p>The land is top grade farming land and provides crops every year. It is also home to red leg partridge and field hares and still he is being threatened with compulsory purchase.</p>

Andy Burnham at a public meeting in Leigh library stated that there would be no compulsory purchase of land for housing if people don't want to sell other arrangements would have to be made. REDACTED TEXT dose not want to sell.

The proposal for Pocket Nook for 600 dwellings as well as the HS2 running through it is unrealistic. as we have neither the infrastructure to support it as well as taking rich farming land that protects us from the carbon pollution from both the A580 and the Atherton bypass. The new road proposed still runs into the already congested Bypass so no relief there. 75 houses to have access via Rowan avenue this is small narrow avenue leading onto the already congested Newton road hence cars could be queuing for the full length of the estate. That is even before mentioning our schools are already full to busting but no provision for this either and no room for expansion as the land has already been taken around them. So where are these extra children going to be educated?. We have no local hospital and GP appointments are at an all time high so rarely able to get one same day sometimes not the same week. The same proposal for housing on this land was dismissed by a government inspector in 2013 for the Wigan core strategy for many issues including infrastructure so what has changed.

Lowton Lane Head Junction is one of the busiest junctions in the north west with traffic currently running at 50.000+ vehicles a day that pass through Lane Head junction on the A580. At peak times all junctions are running at 150% to 170% saturation, even at normal times it is 60% to 90% saturation. It is known to Wigan council that this area has one of the highest pollution ratings. Roads will not become less busy with electric cars etc. Freight has to be moved even if its brought to the area by train.

On Newton road cars can be queuing as far back as Lowton High School during the morning rush. This is standing traffic causing pollution on a length of road where school children walk to attend three of our schools goodness knows what they are breathing in especially the little ones in prams. We are all entitled to breath clean air which is the government climate change policy. That is before the proposed industrial units on our borders of Parkside and Haydock have been calculated. Enough is enough our area of Golborne and Lowton have every small and large area flooded with new builds I know we need affordable housing but what is being built is not affordable to the people who desperately need them.

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.

There are many places in Wigan that is not good farming land, for instance land between Golborne and Abram untouched for years.

Please remove these plans and rethink where to build. The government inspector told Wigan council to only build 1000 house in Golborne and Lowton to date 1300 have been given permission. What's the use of having government inspections if the council just ignore him?

Andy Burnham stood by our side at the at the 2013 inspection stating that Lowton could not take the 3000 houses Wigan had planned for our area.

The government inspector agreed.