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Person ID	1286980
Title	Stakeholder Submission
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Soundness - Justified?	Unsound
Soundness - Consistent with national policy?	Unsound
Soundness - Effective?	Unsound
Compliance - Legally compliant?	No
Compliance - In accordance with the Duty to Cooperate?	No
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- a. the A572 (Leigh Road) is at maximum capacity and there are no plans in place to address the issues arising from the current volume of traffic using this road;
- b. the surrounding roads to the A572 and the Proposed Development (Ellenbrook Road, Walkden Road, Worsley Road and Barton Road) are also subject to heavy traffic flow on a regular basis. Both the A572 and the surrounding roads are also used by traffic accessing the amenities at RHS Bridgewater.

The addition of 300 dwellings will only lead to an increase in the traffic congestion in an area in which the transport network is already under considerable strain.

In terms of public transport services, Worsley and Boothstown are not well connected. The main public transport services are the buses on the East Lancashire Road (a service which is already oversubscribed). Bus services within Boothstown itself have been seriously curtailed in recent years.

2. Increased Air and Noise Pollution: the PfE2021 in relation to the Proposed Development is not consistent with national policy. I refer to paragraphs 93, 104(d) and 105 of the Framework. Due to the close proximity of the M60 and the existing heavy traffic flow on the A572, our area has a high level of air and noise pollution. The Green Belt land in our area acts as an important buffer for the air and noise pollution.

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4. Destruction of Open Space: the PfE2021 in relation to the Proposed Development is not consistent with national policy. I refer to paragraph 99 of the Framework. The site of the Proposed Development is existing open space and none of the following apply:

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