

Minutes to the Housing Sub-Committee Meeting  
Lowton East Neighbourhood Development Forum (LENDF)  
Held on Thursday 31st January 2013, at Lowton Social Club.  
<http://www.lendf.co.uk>

Present:

- LENDF Chairman – Ed Thwaite (Ed T)
- LENDF Secretary – Irene Thomson
- Malcolm Jones
- Keith Robb
- Dennis Eubank
- Ed Houlton
- Simon Ellison
- Brain Hunt
- David Glover

*Apologies:*

*Andy Burnham MP, Cllr James Grundy, Eustace Collier, Peter Sargeant, Gareth Howard  
Ruth Mercer*

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1. Ed T welcomed those present to the meeting.
2. Simon had brought in a sample of the 'Say No' sign boards – all agreed it was very impressive and would be very noticeable. Irene to create a link on the website which will help people to understand how they can 'Say No'.
3. Ed T reported that he had sent a Freedom of Information to Transport for Greater Manchester regarding the volume of traffic at the East Lancs junction with Church Lane. From other literature, we have been given to believe that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> worst junction in the GM area.
4. Cllr Gilligan rang Ed T the previous week requesting that a change be made to the previous minutes regarding the press photo. Ed T responded that the minutes were correct and no change would be made, however he invited her to attend our next meeting to explain why. It should be noted that both she and Cllr Cowley have not attended any meetings nor sent their apologies.
5. It had been reported to Ed T that Cllr O'Brien, a Leigh councillor, had stated at a council meeting that LENDF were 'misleading people'. Ed T emailed Cllr O'Brien and asked why he thought we were wrong. To date we have had no reply.
6. Ed T has also sent an email to Cllr Cowley asking for his position on the housing situation. Again no reply received.
7. A letter has been drafted which will be sent to the Government Inspector, together with fresh attachments. Ed T asked all members to read this and make comments.
8. A lively discussion then took place regarding the Core Strategy's inability to be completed because the land is not available and now HS2 will now run through the Pocket Nook site cutting it in half.
9. Wainhomes application – the Council may approve the outline application but for economic reasons it may not be viable for Wainhomes to start building. This could then mean that the Council have still not delivered the housing shortfall.

10. The best outcome of the forthcoming Examination by the Government Inspector would be that the Core Strategy is rejected and the Council need to generate a fresh plan.
11. The HS2 will have a significant impact on Lowton and it is possible that the Council will have to readdress a great many of their policies.
12. As the weather had improved it was agreed to try again with the 'awareness' campaign by door-knocking. Therefore will anyone available on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 1pm to 3pm meet Ed and Irene at the junction of Scott Road with Slag Lane.

*[Post Meeting Note: this event took place and half of the estate was reached. Many thanks to those who volunteered and we shall be repeating the exercise on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> in order to complete the remainder of the estate]*

**Next Sub-Committee Meeting**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2013 @ 7.30pm (Lowton Social Club)

*Apologies already received from Andy Burnham.*

The next LENDF monthly meeting is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm (Lowton Social Club)

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Should you find any omissions or discrepancies in these minutes please contact me on [lendf99@gmail.com](mailto:lendf99@gmail.com) and let me know as soon as possible and the errors will be rectified.

Irene Thomson,  
Secretary – LENDF