

Lowton East Neighbourhood Development Forum (LENDF)
Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 9 September 2019, at Lowton Social Club
<http://www.lendf.co.uk>

- Chair – Ed Thwaite
- Cllr Kath Houlton
- Minutes taken by – Gill Turner
- Apologies: Cllr James Grundy, Cllr Edward Houlton

No. of attendees - 22

Minutes from last meeting – not read at meeting but copies had been sent out by email, posted onto Facebook and paper copies were available.

1. St Catherine's Land

- Planning has been passed for 26 houses. this is at the astonishment of quite a lot of people. This is the Planning Application that was expected to be refused due to past applications.
- Conditions have been imposed regarding access and contributions towards air quality and 6 affordable dwellings. Read press article below.
- <https://www.wigantoday.net/news/residents-anger-as-homes-are-approved-on-site-of-former-church-1-9972134>

2. Diggle Green – Positive feedback

- Response received from Environment Agency (see email image on next page).
- Advice is to keep reporting any issues to the Environment Agency on: 0800 807 060.

17:17 Fri 30 Aug

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Begin forwarded message:

From: GMMC Correspondence <Correspondence.gmmc@environment-agency.gov.uk>
Date: 22 August 2019 at 17:12:43 BST
To: GMMC Correspondence <Correspondence.gmmc@environment-agency.gov.uk>
Subject: Diggle Green Composting site - Odour Investigation

Dear Resident

Please find below an update on our odour investigation of Diggle Green Composting Site.

After investigating the odour complaints further we have substantiated a frequent and persistent compost odour coming from the Diggle Green composting site at a level which we deem to be unacceptable to the local communities.

As a result of this we have spent a lot of time on site identifying areas of concern. The operator has co-operated in attending a formal meeting at our offices, where we explained that fundamental changes must happen on site very quickly, or we would consider taking enforcement action to ensure the changes are made. We are expecting the operator to begin implementing changes immediately. This should result in a reduction in odour over the coming weeks.

As the situation is serious we will continue to monitor and apply pressure over this period while we allow the operator to implement improvement actions. If the situation does not improve we will take further action.

We are grateful for your patience during this period and do ask that you continue to report any odours to our 24 hour incident hotline. The hotline number is [0800 80 70 60](tel:0800 80 70 60).

Any concerns around public health or transportation and spreading of compost onto land should be directed to Warrington Borough Council, Environmental Health Department on [01925 443322](tel:01925 443322).

Thank you
Jane.

Jane Simister | Customers & Engagement
Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Cheshire

Duty role – Site Duty Manager (SDM)
Environment Agency
Richard Fairclough House | Knutsford Road | Latchford | Warrington | WA4 1HT

3. **Greater Manchester SDF Plan rejected by Government**

- 10 Authorities involved in this plan. The Government have rejected for the Authorities to do this. They planned over 20,100 new builds and employment spaces taking Greenbelt. This has been delayed to pursue as legislation does not allow Greenbelt to be released. More evidence is to be submitted to Government. A Powerhouse Group including Peel Holdings, Barrett, etc. were involved.
- <https://www.placenorthwest.co.uk/news/gmsf-delayed-again-as-combined-authority-points-the-finger/>

4. **HS2**

- Possible 7 year delay.
- We will continue trying to stop the section through Lowton.

5. **Meeting with Golborne Councillors and Jo Platt (MP) re opening of Golborne Station**

- It was suggested to open Golborne station together with Kenyon Junction Station.
- MP, Helen Jones is not happy about opening Kenyon Junction it falls within her patch
- Canvassing may have to be done around Culcheth explaining the benefit to its residents
- Traffic issues for both sites and Andy Burnham commented in the past about re-opening Kenyon Junction station.
- <https://www.leighjournal.co.uk/news/17467738.greater-manchester-mayor-determined-to-deliver-train-station-for-leigh/?ref=mr&lp=3>

6. **Culcheth Parish Council**

- There was a public meeting at Glazebury Parish Church. Complaints voiced about more HGV vehicles (44% increase) along Warrington Road and Glazebury since the weight limit on Winwick Lane was introduced.
- Damage to properties/parking and damage to roads was mentioned.
- A working group to be set up and HGV restrictions in Glazebury from Birchwood will be discussed.
- Further meeting organised for 26th September 2019 at 09:00.

7. **Five Acres, Kenyon Lane**

- Planning submitted to knock down the house and build 6 new.
PLANNING REF: **A/19/87533/OUTMAJ**
- Councillor Kath Houlton will speak to Jo Nelson from WBC regarding this.

8. Get together on Mount Taber Bank Holiday Monday (26 August 2019)

- It was a great success and about 80 people attended. There were stalls, barbeques and a good time was had by all.
- £150 was raised for Race for Life for NW. It was suggested to organise a further event like this in the future.

9. Village Show 31st August 2019

- This was a nice event. There were a lot of categories but not many from children. Suggested to add more categories for them next year.
- About £1,600 was raised on the day and there was hotpot, etc. at night.

10. Last Night of the Proms 5th October 2019 at Lowton Social Club

- Tickets still available and are £5.
- A charity to donate proceeds to is yet to be agreed.

NEXT LENDF next monthly meeting:

Monday 14th October 2019 @ 19:30 (7:30pm)
Lowton Social Club
All welcome