

Lowton East Neighbourhood Development Forum (LENDF)  
Minutes to the Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at Lowton Social Club.

<http://www.lendf.co.uk>

Present:

- Chairman – Ed Thwaite (Ed T), Secretary – Irene Thomson (IT)
- Cllr K Houlton
- PCSO Jane Dagger

No. of Attendees = 33

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1. **Minutes from last meeting** – Not read at meeting but copies had been sent out by email, posted onto Facebook, and paper copies were available. LENDF Bank Statement available during the meeting.

2. **Update from Police**

PCSO Jane Dagger gave an update on recent incidents in the area. Reports had been received regarding Anti-Social Behaviour in various areas, of youths causing damage, setting fires, and 'knock and run'. Names of the youths have been submitted and this is being investigated. Some are from Leigh and Hindley. The police have also visited the local schools and received further information. Some youths (both male and female) have been interviewed at Leigh Police Station and their parents have been contacted. Local shops have been warned about selling alcohol to anyone underage. Wigan and Leigh Housing have also been in discussions with the Police as tenants can be reprimanded if behaviour is unacceptable.

Please report any sightings of youths gathering and roaming the area, and also any suspicious activity as there have been a few burglaries and car thefts. Call 101 Please HIDE your car keys and ensure nothing is on view inside your vehicle. Your calls to 101 help the police to gather evidence which can be used for future prosecutions. Descriptions of people, car reg numbers, etc, are shared with other officers and has in the past proved successful in arrests.

3. **M6 Bridge Works – Diversion**

**M6 Mount North and South – Bridge Maintenance Works**

Balfour Beatty Mott MacDonald (BBMM) is responsible for managing and maintaining the motorway and trunk road network in Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside and South Lancashire on behalf of Highways England.

I am writing to inform you of a bridge maintenance scheme due to take place on the M6 J22 bridges and will affect travel between Junctions 21a and 23. The scheme will require replacement of bridge bearings on the central bridge piers.

**Works are scheduled to start on or shortly after 3 October 2016 for approximately 6 months.** This will be carried out during daytime hours (07:30 to 17:00) in a number of phases Monday to Friday. There will be an element of works required to be undertaken outside of these times stated.

In order to facilitate and carry out these works safely, narrow lanes and a reduced speed limit will be in place throughout the works. **Also, a number of total closures will be in place on the M6 between Junctions 21a and 23 on 10 and 11 October 2016, between the hours of 20:00 and 05:00, subject to traffic flows.**

The closures are required to install the narrow lane. Additional closures will be required in December/January and at the end of the project. We will submit further communication closer to the time for each of these closures.

Localised signed diversion routes will be in place as per below:

**M6 northbound carriageway closure, Junction 21A to 23**

Traffic will be directed to leave the M6 northbound carriageway at Junction 21A and continue as follows: Take the exit onto M62 and head towards Junction 9, at the roundabout turn right onto A49, at the roundabout turn right onto Winwick Link Road, at

the roundabout go straight through onto A579 Winwick Lane, turn right onto A572 Newton Road, turn left onto B5207 Church Lane, turn left onto A580 East Lancashire Road and head towards M6 Junction 23 where the diversion will end.

**M6 southbound carriageway closure, Junction 23 to 21A**

Traffic will be directed to leave the M6 southbound carriageway at Junction 23 and continue as follows: Take the exit onto A580 East Lancashire Road, turn right onto B5207 Church Lane, turn right onto A572 Newton Road, turn left onto A579 Winwick Lane, at the roundabout go straight through onto A49 Winwick Link Road, take the exit at M62 Junction 9 and continue towards Junction 10, where the diversion will end.

We would like to apologise for any inconvenience these works may cause you. If you wish to discuss this project further or have any questions, please contact the 24hr Highways England Customer Care team by phone on 0300 123 5000 or email [info@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk).

**4. Bloor Homes – Heath Lane Housing Development**

This application is to be heard by the Planning Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> October.

[Post Meeting Note: The application was granted permission and reported in the [Leigh Journal](#).]

**5. Diggle Green**

The Environment Agency recently sent out a letter to residents who had submitted complaints/reports – [click here](#).

The EA suggests that residents also make reports to Wigan Council and also the Police about the speed of tractors/trailers through Lowton. The EA will continue to perform random tests.

As there are a number of new housing developments planned in Lowton it was suggested at the meeting that the housebuilders be informed of the problems being encountered with Diggle Green. LENDF to write to Bloor/Bellway/Wainhomes and Persimmons.

LENDF was also asked to write to the EA to ask for clarification on the ‘smells’ that are monitored and what criteria they use.

**6. BICC, Leigh**

An application for 400 houses on this site has been with the planners for the past 18 months. Cllr Ed Houlton wrote to Karl Battersby (director of economy and regeneration, Wigan Council) for an update. The reply was that the final set of paperwork in relation to Section 106 monies is to be completed and that permission will probably be given.

**7. Texaco Garage, Newton Road**

An application has been submitted by the new occupants (Ex Co-op) for a 24 hour licence for selling alcohol.

**8. Parkside**

St. Helens Council is proposing to take 300+ hectares out of the Green Belt to build warehousing. The site will be bigger than Warrington’s Omega site and will stretch from Pewfall Island to Park Road and Rob Lane on the East Lancashire Road. Please visit the website for [Our Local Voice](#) for full details and update.

**9. Any Other Business**

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Memories of Old Lowton. Talk by Alec Hughes, local historian on Old Lowton followed by a quiz. Golborne Sports Club, Stone Cross Lane. Tickets £2.50 from Marie 01942 609226 or Gill 07545 782608 or email [lhsrg00@gmail.com](mailto:lhsrg00@gmail.com)

**10. Next LENDF Monthly Meeting**

**Monday 14th November 2016 @ 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