

# LOWTON EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT FORUM

## Minutes for Monday 11<sup>TH</sup> February 2019

Meeting held at Lowton Social Club  
[www.lendf.co.uk](http://www.lendf.co.uk)

Chairman: Ed Thwaite

No. Attendees: 27

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### 1. Feedback from PAG Meeting (Winwick)

St. Helens Borough Local Plan has been described as a “land grab”. The Green Belt review proposal is now available on the St. Helens council website <https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/localplan> Please read and object. The online question and answer form is a little complicated but you can write or email them.

You may submit comments (known as 'representations') on the Local Plan. Your comments can be sent either by:

- Post to Local Plan, St Helens Council, St Helens Town Hall, Victoria Square, St Helens, WA10 1 HP
- Email to [planningpolicy@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@sthelens.gov.uk)
- Using their on-line form at [www.sthelens.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/localplan)

**All representations must be received by 5.00 pm on Wednesday 13th March**  
Please note that late representations cannot be accepted.

### 2. TFGM – Rail Latest

Manchester’s Mayor announced the future plans for TFGM. This includes the partially re-regulating of public transport throughout Greater Manchester. There’s also a proposal to look at opening a station at Kenyon junction.

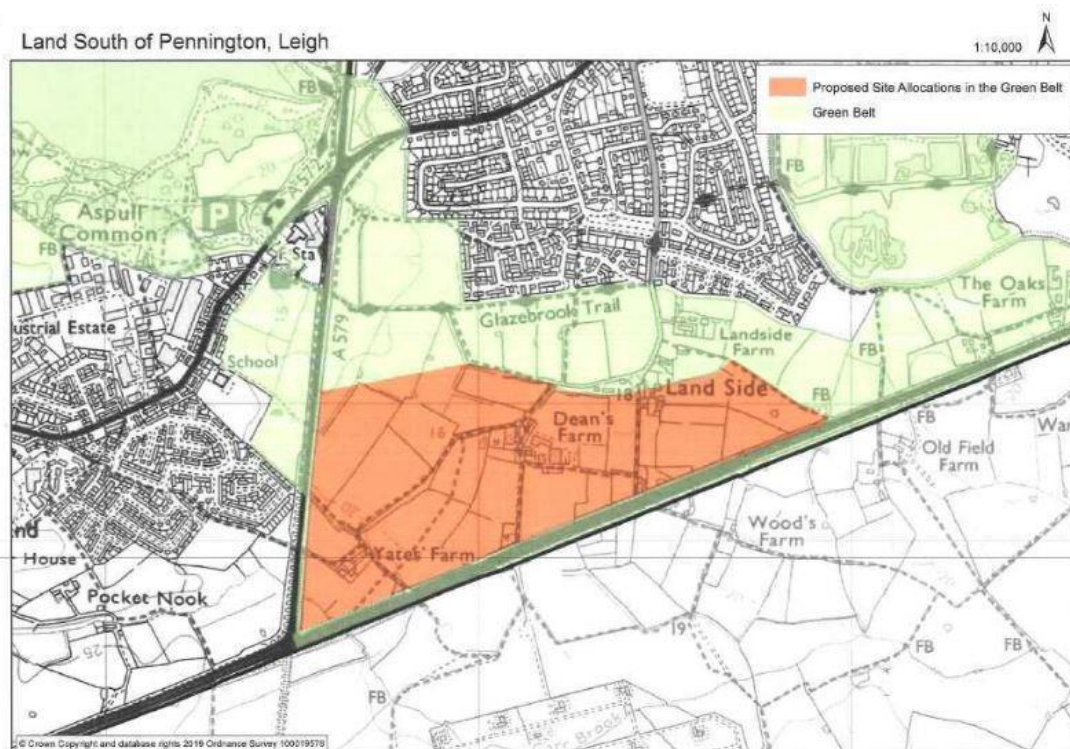
### 3. Council’s expected to miss targets on housing and the built-in cost when buying a new house.

Half of England’s local councils are likely to miss the target by 2020. Government figures show that while the average contributions agreed with developers for public infrastructure such as schools, health centres, roads and social housing, remained at about £19,000 per new home between 2012 and 2017, average house prices increased by 31% in that period. The top five developers’ average operating profit margin increased from about 12% to 21%.

### 4. Leigh Petition

Petition raised against long term plans to build houses and employment spaces on land south of Pennington. We will be bringing this up with Andy

Burnham at his Question time meeting in Leigh. We also talking to all farmers involved and will give further information at our next meeting.



Please read this article:

<https://www.leighjournal.co.uk/news/17403904.petition-launched-against-long-term-plans-to-build-homes-and-employment-space/>

Click [here](#) for the petition:

## 5. St. Catherine's land

An email from the Planning Officer at Wigan Council to Councillor Kath Houlton stated that the land is likely to be recommended for development providing there are no objections from Transport for Gt Manchester regarding access.

## 6. HS2

Cabinet revolts threaten to sink HS2.

Read this article:

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6689223/Mounting-Cabinet-revolt-threatens-sink-HS2-rail-link.html>

## 7. Next Meeting 11th March 2019