

Lowton East Neighbourhood Development Forum (LENDF)  
Minutes to the Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at Lowton Social Club.  
<http://www.lendf.co.uk>

Present:

- Chairman – Ed Thwaite (Ed T), Secretary – Irene Thomson (IT)
- Cllr K Houlton, and Cllr J Grundy

*Apologies: Dennis Eubank*

No. of Attendees = 38

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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. **Planned Developments around Lowton**

- Parkside
- Haydock Point
- Florida Farm, Haydock

St Helens Council are currently consulting on their proposed new Local Plan. This plan includes the above developments.

Both Wigan Council and Andy Burnham have already voiced their objections and if you wish to submit comments to St Helens Council please [click here](#) – closing date Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January (12 noon). Alternatively you can write or email, including your postal address, to: [planningpolicy@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@sthelens.gov.uk) St Helens Council, Town Planning, Town Hall, St Helens WA10 1HP

Further details and updates can be obtained from

- Parkside Action Group <http://parksideactiongroup.org.uk/>
- Our Local Voice [http://ourlocalvoice.co.uk/?page\\_id=2165](http://ourlocalvoice.co.uk/?page_id=2165)

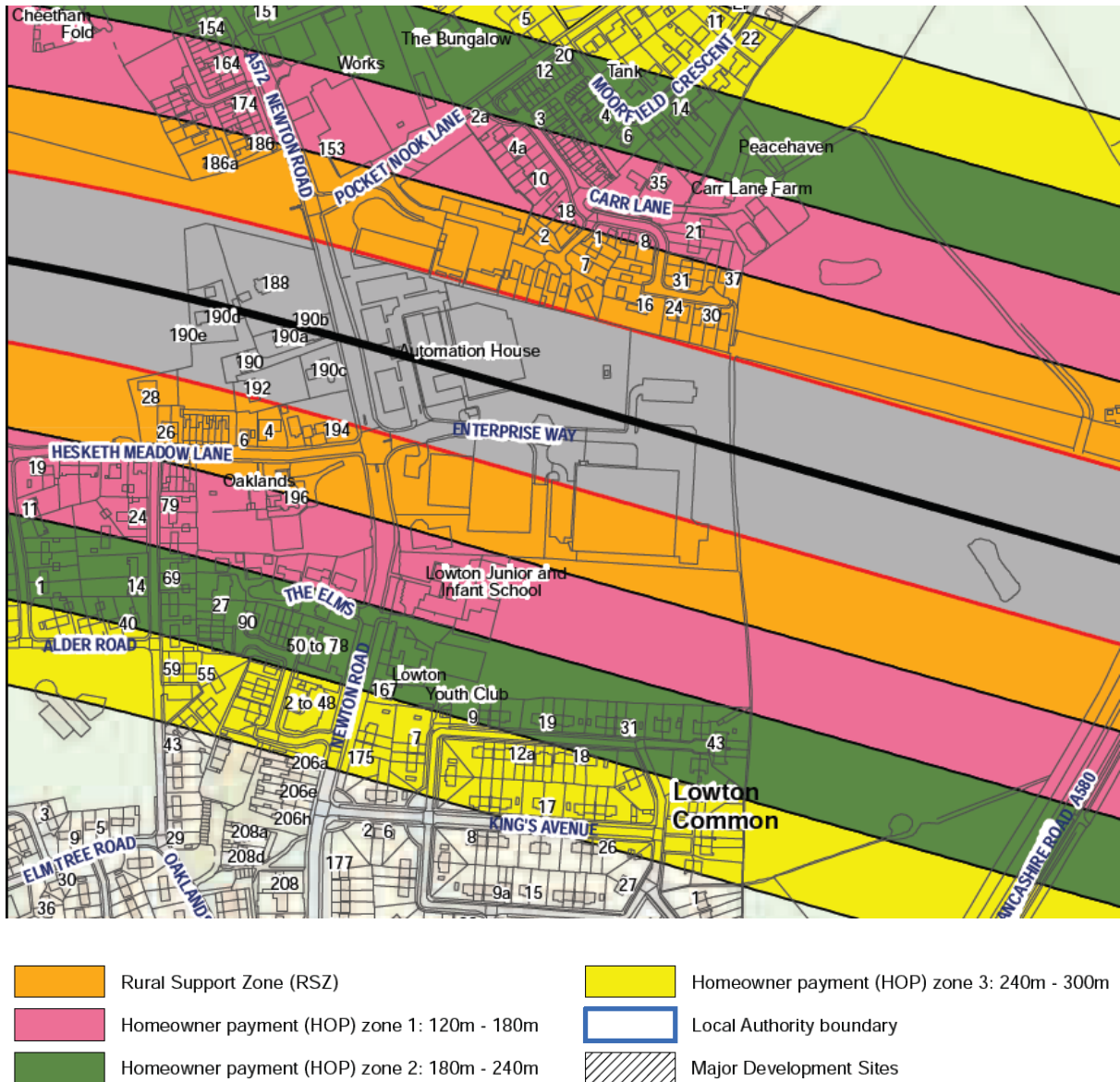
3. **HS2**

The above developments will have a greater impact on Lowton than the HS2 line. Once construction of HS2 is complete and the disruption dissipates they will still be the constant road infrastructure issues with high volumes of traffic and regular congestion.

HS2 have been invited to our January meeting but as yet have not confirmed that they are able to attend.

More details of the properties affected by the line and proposed compensation schemes are available online – [click here](#)

Example extract from the above link.



#### 4. **Greater Manchester Spatial Framework**

As part of the consultation process for the GMSF we ask that you make comment on the proposals for further land to be allocated for development. [Click here for further details](#)

Mr Adamson (local farmer and land owner) has once more had to write to the Council to repeat the fact that his land is not for sale. He has requested that it be removed from the GMSF's proposals. Mr Adamson does know that his land is 'desired' by a developer but he is adamant that it shall stay 'green' for the sake of his own farming business and also for the benefit of the local community. Thank you Mr Adamson.

#### 5. **Civic Hall (the Rose Centre)**

The Civic Hall is on the market. Interest is being shown by housing developers with draft plans and layouts being drawn up. This site has historical significance and a varied past with multiple users. These would have to be represented and remembered in any housing development. The proposals are for the majority to be affordable homes with a rent & buy scheme.

Others are now showing interest.

## **6. Persimmon Homes**

Meeting held between Persimmon, LENDF and Cllr Grundy. Unfortunately the option of linking the development to the bypass will not be proceeded with and all construction and eventual new residents' traffic movements will use the existing roads on the Poplars estate.

A traffic plan is being created to control construction traffic so that there are none during school opening and closing hours.

Local councillors have suggested some changes to Persimmon's layout of certain properties which have been agreed. Persimmon have revealed some details of their pricing scheme: 25 properties will have 30% discount for 1<sup>st</sup> time buyers and 12 will be rentable.

## **7. Any Other Business**

- Red Lion, Lowton. An application has been submitted to change the bowling green to a car park.
- As 2016 comes to a close LENDF's Chairman, Secretary and Committee would like to wish all local residents a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- Mr Galloway thanked both Ed and Irene for their work throughout the year on Lowton's behalf.

## **NOTE FROM CHAIRMAN**

**It's important you all start objections to both Gt Manchester and St Helens plans otherwise this area won't be fit to live in.**

## **8. Next LENDF Monthly Meeting**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 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