

Lowton East Neighbourhood Development Forum (LEPDF)
Minutes to the meeting held on Monday 16th April 2018 at Lowton Social Club
<http://www.lendf.co.uk>

Chairman – Ed Thwaite, Cllr James Grundy, Kath Houlton, Ed Houlton.

No. of attendees = 35

1. Minutes from last meeting:

Not read out at meeting but copies have been sent out by e-mail and posted on Facebook.

2. Parkside update:

Croft and Culcheth parish councils are against the development. Not sure where Warrington stand regarding the plans. It seems that the plans for a rail link have gone quiet. The policy at the moment is to oppose the scheme. Ask for the weight limit on Winwick Road to be on both directions. The email address for objections to St Helens Council is alankilroe@sthelens.gov.uk.

3. Weight Limit – Winwick Road:

The signs have made a difference to lorry movements, down by 70%. The reg and names of offending firms are being taken and they are being contacted to advise their drivers. Police will take action if they persist. The sign on Newton Road is on the wrong side of the road, this has been reported to Wigan Metro. It seems that it is where there is ample room to site it.

4. HS2 update:

- a) It will be 10 years before any build would take place in this area.
- b) Route can still be changed.
- c) Possible final design by September 2018.
- d) Compensation will only become available in 2022 after Royal Assent. **Do not deal with solicitors touting for business, re-similar to PPI schemes. Only use HS2 direct.**
- e) Due to start running in 2033.
- f) HS2 are surveying around the area.
- g) Public HS2 meetings due in July 2018, we will confirm dates later.

5. Lowton St. Marys Community Hall:

Wigan Metro have virtually agreed that the upgrade will go ahead.

6. Travellers:

Wigan Metro have not reported back regarding actions to be taken. They are due to attend meetings of other local councils to fix a common policy.

7. Greater Manchester Combined Authority:

Final draft to be published in June with regard to housing, the following projects are planned.

- a) Oaklands.
- b) Civic Hall.
- c) Catholic Church – Lane Head.
- d) Stone Cross.
- e) Land at the end of Edgerton Rd above Civic Hall sports fields.
- f) Wigan’s original plans to build down East Lanc’s Rd and the Leigh side of Atherleigh Way have been removed.

8. Diggle Green:

A report in the Daily Telegraph states that the government have failed to recognise that open air composting can create diseases. Independent studies have revealed that locals to the sites are affected by fumes and smells. The fumes are found to contain air borne spores that can cause asthma and chest complications. New guidance rules to be put in place. Please keep reporting the outbreak of smells to the Environment Agency on 0800 807060.

9. Women’s Concessionary Travel Cards:

The Mayor of Manchester has included those born between October 1953 - November 1954 into the scheme. Visit <https://tfgm.com/> for information.

10. Lowton West Organisation:

Meeting to be held on May 3rd 2018, with a view to the forming of an organisation to represent Lowton West.

[Post Meeting Note: 35 residents attended and another is planned for 22nd May at 7.30pm – Venue is Parkside Club on Rivington Avenue, Golborne WA3 3HG.

<http://golborneparkside.com/>]

Next LENDF Meeting – 14th May 2018