

Lowton East Neighbourhood Development Forum (LENDF)

Minutes to the meeting held on Monday 8th October 2018 at Lowton Social Club

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Chairman – Ed Thwaite.

Cllrs – K Houlton, J Grundy, Y Klieve, S Gambles.

Apologies – Ed Houlton.

No. of attendees = 37

1. Minutes from last meeting

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

2. Jigsaw Site in Pocket Nook Lane

The original planning permission was for a smaller density of houses than the latest plans. Due to the contaminated state of the land, the latest proposals show a greater density of housing. The flats are still in the proposal but the developers may be willing to let the flats be occupied by either people in work or pensioners. Complaints were expressed that lorries are driving on the pavement endangering any pedestrians using the lane; also the open gates to the wood yard and builder's yard are another hazard. Once the site is completed the traffic congestion on Newton Road can only become worse.

3. St Catherine's Housing Plan

26 houses are proposed for the site but the plans haven't yet been submitted. A suggestion was made that instead of the houses backing onto Mather Avenue, could they face Mather Avenue. The site access will be onto the main road almost opposite the existing bus stop. This can only create traffic problems. It was felt that planning permission should not be granted.

4. Oakland's House

It is proposed that the former orphanage be demolished to make way for 26 houses. Chloe Swain and Nicole Broome addressed the meeting saying that it is the last remaining house in Lowton of character and history. They feel it should become a community hub and have raised a petition on Facebook obtaining 380 names within 2 days. Unfortunately, it is not a listed building therefore concerns were expressed that we would lose it together with the existing trees.

5. Warrington Warehousing Development

A proposal has been put forward to construct a warehouse site adjacent to Junction 20 on the M6 and Junction 9 on the M56. This is similar to those at Parkside and Florida Farm. Langtree are again involved.

6. Parkside

Nothing to report.

7. St Helens housing figures

St Helens have been told to build 380 a year but at present they are on 500 a year and more, Wigan want to build 1000 a year and have been told to build

500. Recent planning permission given to build more. 800 houses are planned in Atherton on greenbelt, 1700 on the North Leigh Park Development.

8. Neighbourhood Plan Lowton – Golborne Meeting

A meeting is proposed on Thursday 11th October. LENDF will not be attending.

9. Byrom Hall

A camera is installed on site and the hall is currently empty. A management company are looking after it on behalf of HS2. It will be probably be rented out.

10. Last Night of the Proms

Tickets still on sale for Saturday 13th October.

11. Pensioners Party – Wednesday 10th October

The local community party have taken over from the Social Club in running the event.

12. Land behind Garton Drive

Following reports of extensive surveys on the site, no applications of planning as yet been proposed.

13. LENDF – FUTURE

It is felt that we need a Secretary to assist the Chairman, also a Vice Chairman.

14. HS2

Any queries regarding HS2 the contact is Gilly West.
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Next Meeting – 12th November 2018.