

# Minutes Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Lowton Social Club

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Chairman: Ed Thwaite

Councillors: Ed Houlton

No. Attendees: 20

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## 1) Parkside – St Helens

The main theme of discussion was St. Helens Council's decision to use Green Belt land for the Parkside East development. 64.55ha is planned to be used for "employment development" and a further 60ha to provide road and rail infrastructure, totalling 124.55ha (figures from 'St. Helens Borough Local') <http://publicaccess.sthelens.gov.uk/online-applications>

## 2) HS2

- Feedback from the Parkside HS2 meeting – No direct line from Wigan to London will run down the Golborne link. There will be one train per hour that will use the West Coast Main Line to Crewe, then onto the HS2 line to London. Discussions as to whether an update of the West Coast Main Line would prove more effective than the HS2 Golborne link followed.
- At the Chairman's meeting with MP Joe Platt, he requested that she supported our efforts to scrap the Golborne link. It serves no benefit to Wigan and yet they support the destruction of our area
- The proposed HS2 Liverpool link has been scrapped for the moment.

## 3) Planning application A/18/86357 North of Bainbridge Avenue

The council have sold the land to housing development company Redrow. Due to the council not having a 5 year deliverable plan in place, they can't refuse the planning application. The builder would appeal and win, costing the council thousands of pounds of our rates money. Councillors hoping to delay the application have placed 2 objections. Most concerns were regarding traffic issues down Hesketh Meadow Lane and down Newton Road, as well as the possibility of a brook running along the edge of the site being covered that is actually a river and must remain open.

## 4) St Catherine's/Oakland's developments

No further news. Not expected to go to planning before mid-February

## 5) Next Meeting 14th Jan 2019.