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C/c Andy Burnham MP- Lord Peter Smith –Councillors-James Grundy -James Cowley

Following your presentation of the Wigan LDF plan at the Lowton Compassion in Action office, we have been asked to write to you with our resident's objections.

We find that your plans to build on the North East side of the A580 are not acceptable. First you are going to use land to the east of Lane Head that was always considered by local people to be green belt. We have maps from Golborne UDC times that show this as fact. No one can remember any consultation by Wigan to change the status of this land.

The land to the West of Lane Head contains one of the only free Fishing Ponds in the area, used by local residents for well over sixty years. We are aware that many applications to build on this land in the past have been refused. Now it seems that because our authority wants to use it that's ok.

To continue to build on the north east side of the A580 is like building in a walled city. Most people to access work have to get out onto it, or cross it to access to the motorway network. The limited access points are already overloaded at peak times.

The sewerage system in the Church Lane area has been giving problems for years and would not be capable of carrying extra build.

Unless we can get the Leigh bypass extended to the Motorway as originally planned, or the proposed estates can have direct access to the A580 we feel any further development in Lowton is not acceptable.

We request that you consult with use over this matter, and on all aspects of planning that will affect the future of Lowton East Ward.

Edward Thwaite Chairman.