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C/c Lord Peter Smith – Joyce Redfearn – Rt Hon Andy Burnham MP - Councillors James Grundy – James Cowley – Jonathan Miller.

### **With regards to building on the East Lancs Rd Corridor**

Following our meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>Rd</sup> Feb attended by 40 people, we have been requested by the membership to write to you requesting answers to the questions below.

Please supply Robust and Credible Evidence on the following

What is the reason for the development on the land in question?

Are the houses needed or is it what Cllr Klieve, from Golborne and Lowton West stated in the Leigh Reporter, December the 9<sup>th</sup> 2010. Quote – “It’s very clear the council needs money and this is one way of doing that. I will be fighting to get affordable homes built in Golborne and Lowton”.

How many new builds are still empty in Golborne and Lowton, and the length of elapsed time, since completion? Please provide separate figures for Lowton and Golborne as most building over the past few years has been flats in Golborne?

We request hard evidence on who needs these houses from within the existing area or are you creating executive houses and hoping that they will attract people out of the area. Any development in this area, will result in the loss of arable farm land, and would be detrimental to the flora and fauna of the area.

If you are just building to attract people to the area then you are not looking after Lowton’s own citizens, and you would be adding to the already congested roads in Lowton and the feeder roads into Manchester and Liverpool

We require detailed information on how you intend to improve infrastructure transport and sewage

Why use good farming land when there is unused brown land all over the borough?

Has anyone other than builders found these proposals attractive if so how many?

Despite the minimal consultation how many people objected?

If building were to go ahead, 106 Money or what ever replaces it must be spent in Lowton East not across Wigan Borough. Please confirm this.

We have no objection to small developments In Lowton that blend into the existing environment but consider these plans too large and intrusive.

We estimate that 80% of the people living in Lowton East are totally unaware about these proposals.

Therefore, we request full consultation in an open transparent and measurable method, throughout the ward by means of referendum. Until this is done you have no mandate from the citizens to proceed with this plan

Edward Thwaite

Chairman