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Notes of Meeting of LENDF Sub-Committee regarding the submission
of an Objection to Wigan's Core Strategy
held on Thursday 24th 2011, at Lowton Labour Club.

- Ed Thwaite (ET)
- Jan Johnston (JJ)
- Gill Turner (GT)
- Carol Leigh (CL)
- Dennis Eubank (DE)
- (man sat next to Dennis !!)
- Ed Hulton (EH)
- Stan Walker (SW)
- William Addamson (WA)
- Irene Thomson (IT)
- *Apologies Colin Sinclair.....*

This sub-committee has been formed to produce a 'presentation' to Wigan Council as an objection to the proposals for land at Pocket Nook Lane to be included in the Core Strategy as a site to be considered for possible housing development. The presentation document will be on behalf of the members and residents of Lowton East Ward. The document is to be submitted to Wigan Council before January ... 2012.

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Initial discussions between those present were in relation to objections so far submitted and their contents. It was agreed that these issues need to be repeated in the 'presentation' with the backup of evidence to substantiate the arguments.	
It is understood that housing is needed, but the facts of the area are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads - existing congestion and pollution • Drainage - still causing problems for residents • Access to proposed site is not feasible • Whenever East Lancs closed i.e. accident/road works, the delays caused always increase congestion • Landowner does not want to sell. 	
Recent example of Council behaviour is that land was purchased as agriculture then its 'status' was changed.	
EH noted that land is best registered as 'Protected Land' and reported this had happened 2010 forum meeting It was agreed that EH would try to obtain the minutes of the 2010 meeting from Andrew Sharrocks.	EH
Pocket Nook is a mix of residential/light industrial - HGVs find it difficult to turn around and regularly damage grass verges. The	

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site of the old scrap yard has outline planning permission for 20 properties.	
<p><u>Contents of Presentation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline letter/report will identify the issues and each issue will be supported (and or cross-referenced) by evidence submitted as appendices. <p><u>Suggested Appendices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Letter supporting LENDF from Cllrs AB, JG, JC. ○ LENDF letter to Council dated February 2011 ○ 2010 Report to Forum (check minutes). ○ Statement from WA regarding his current use of the land i.e. crops, land identification and maps. ○ Evidence of the East Lancs Road 'dipping' after the bridge. ○ Bourne Ave/Upton Close resident's letter re drainage. 	<p>ET/IT</p> <p>ET/IT</p> <p>EH</p> <p>WA</p> <p>?</p> <p>?</p>
<p><u>Ideas for Additional Appendices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Obtain evidence of previous applications which have been refused, either due to white land or congestion. ○ Golborne Urban District Council - 9" bore drainage pipes installation which proved insufficient to cope with existing properties. North West Water/United Utilities replaced some sections of this pipe work - is it possible to obtain maps/drawings via FOI ? Also could we get number of complaints made? ○ Letter from Pocket Nook residents. ○ Rail line and station conflict. ○ Inadequate public transport. ○ Traffic survey (previously done in Sept 2009 by but was done when kids off school) could we do our own with photograph/video evidence? ○ Use FOI to gain access to all census data for Lowton area gathered in the last 5 years. <i>Note: data on HGVs not applicable as there are designated routes via Winwick Road available to HGVs which can not be challenged.</i> ○ Capacity of local schools as they are full now. ○ Capacity of local dentists and doctors. ○ Police coverage. ○ Ask Parkside Action Group to share information with LENDF. 	<p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>CL</p> <p>SW</p> <p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>Max</p> <p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>?</p>