

Planning Policy Team,
Environmental Services Department,
Civic Buildings,
New Market Street,
Wigan WN1 1RP.

Dear Sir / Madam,

Your plans to build on the north east side of the A580 East Lancashire Road are not acceptable. You are going to use land to the east of Lane Head that has always been considered by local people to be green belt. I cannot remember any consultation by Wigan to change the status of this land.

The land to the west of Lane Head contains one of only three free fishing ponds in the area, used by local residents for well over sixty years. I am aware that many applications to build on this land in the past have been refused. Now it seems that because you want to use it then it's OK.

To continue to build on the north east side of the A580 is like building in a walled city. Most people in the area have to get out onto it or cross it to access the motorway network, in order to get to work. 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 will not be capable of carrying extra housing.

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

I request that you consult the people of Lowton on this matter, and on all aspects of planning that will affect the future of the Lowton East ward.

Yours faithfully,