

MATTER THREE / DRAFT HEARINGS PROGRAMME
SOUTH RIBBLE EXAMINATION – SITES AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES
Land between Altcar Lane/Shawbrook Road, Leyland (Site P)

7th March 2013

Response date: 20th February 2013

Dear Mrs Parker

The reasons for my OBJECTIONS to the above development are as follows:

Over the past few months , after finding out about the LDF plans some of the local residents have been meeting to discuss the LDF and I can assure you that the feelings below are shared by many other residents. We canvassed opinions for the responses required to this site plan in December and you will see that we had 110 residents that stated their objections and concerns about this site in writing. The quality of life for these residents and other local people who visit the area to walk and enjoy the countryside on their doorstep would be greatly affected by these plans.

The site is currently at southern border of South Ribble and is countryside that is farmed, the urban residential area of Leyland has already spread into this area over the past few years with new housing developments and if we are not careful the urban sprawl will continue and there will be no green agricultural areas left in Leyland. The land is currently used for agriculture and it would be a terrible shame if it were lost to employment or housing. Leyland needs to retain its farmland, as it is an important part of the landscape, providing jobs, and creating produce. We need to encourage agriculture, the growing of local produce, and retain our farming heritage. Once the land has gone, it is gone forever. We need to keep our green spaces; it serves as the lungs of the community. It also provides quiet spaces in the midst of a busy world. This area supports an eco system that has been the same for hundreds of years and plant life, trees and wildlife would be massively affected to the detriment. In some cases to extinction ! There is a rich and wide and diversity of wildlife that inhabit the area, from birds of prey, rare newts, owls, kingfishers, Herons, badgers, foxes, water voles, brown mice, pheasants, butterflies and insects. We have two choices; protect the land and the habitat of these creatures, or destroy them and their environment with the development of the land.

The area has a poor electricity supply, that is unreliable and overloaded already. Brownfield sites should be targeted ahead of any Greenfield sites, and there are many of these sites available in South Ribble. This area is being fully utilised by farming at this time and there is no reason to cease this.

There are already many housing projects being built in this areas with existing housing that are for sale in this areas being for sale for many years.

There is no immediate access for the ingress and egress of traffic into the site. The proposed egress from the site onto the roundabout at Schleswig way and Leyland Lane suggests a twice-daily traffic problem. This would affect the quality of life of site residents and those of the immediate local area.

The traffic movement onto Leyland Lane , which is a 'B' road , for the 2.4 cars per household which 430 houses would generate , would be greatly effected and probably would not cope . The morning

journeys to work , then followed by the school run would overload Leyland Lane by an additional 1200 cars each morning . The evening would then be the same . This would mean 2400 additional cars on Leyland Lane per day !!!!! Seven Stars would be gridlocked , It can hardly cope now at peak travel times. The council cannot even collect litter and attend the pavements and hedges in this area. There is no provision for any road widening, and existing services are stretched to capacity already.

There is no plan of the potential street scene and if it would be in keeping with the housing on Leyland Lane , Altcar Lane and Worden Lane. The additional of 430 houses brings with it the potential for antisocial behaviour and crime which would bring a negative impact on the surrounding areas, recent reduced policing cover would only worsen the situation.

The area has had flooding issues and with the provision of an additional 430 houses on existing land that cannot take the amount of rainwater we have had recently , the hard standings and run off from roofs and the additional sewerage and mains drainage required would be a cause of concern to an already pressurised drainage system. The provision of water supply to these houses has not been discussed as we have hose pipe bans in the Spring and Summer months as we have not enough provision of water from local reservoirs.

The provision for additional doctors , dentists, schools , police and emergency services to support this housing will impact on local services already under pressure. Clarity on this issue is vitally important.

I ask you to take these considerations into consideration.

Yours sincerely

Angela Edney