

SOUTH RIBBLE EXAMINATION
Sites and Development Management Policies
Draft Hearings Programme
Matter 5 – Thursday 7th March 2013
Policies G Chapter G3 –Emnie Lane

Dear Inspector

I wish to support the proposal to **not** allocate the Emnie Lane site into the DPD.

However I would like to support the removal of this site and keep it as agricultural farmland.

The yearly take up of industrial space does not necessitate using this site. There are many more suitable sites with better access to the road network available. This includes the business park at Samlesbury.

Brownfield sites need to be utilised before any greenfield sites.

The development of the site will also represent town creep, and reduce quality of life in the area, whilst increasing noise and light pollution.

There is no guarantee that any business development would provide jobs for local people.

The road infrastructure is struggling to cope with larger and heavier vehicles, particularly southbound which provides a natural route through to the M6, whilst utilising narrow B roads and small villages. This is going to have a massive impact on quality of life due to pollution and noise.

The land is currently used for farming and whilst not of higher grade has important historical significance, and needs further research, before any major decisions are taken.

This land was included in the Leyland Hundreds, a Saxon name; capable of supporting a hundred families and also capable of providing 100 fighting men, the Leyland Hundred was mentioned in the Domesday book of 1086.

The area is prone to flooding and there is a diverse range of wildlife that would be adversely affected. These include newts, birds of prey, wild migratory birds, Kingfishers, owls, butterflies, insects and water voles. The river Lostock and its tributaries provide a haven for many species. Any development will pollute the watercourse and valuable habitat will be destroyed. I haven't seen any documentation from the council as to any provision to balance this destruction with something positive.

There must be a cohesive plan to protect these animals and the ecosystem that attracts them to Leyland.

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