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FAO WBC / PLANNING DEPT.

RE: SHLAA SITE REF. 2901 WITHIN GREEN BELT PARCEL LY22
R18/076 LAND EAST OF CROUCHLEY LANE, LYMM.

Opposing the removal of the above land from Greenbelt

My objections are as follows:

1) VALUABLE AGRICULTURAL LAND

It is a well known fact that British Farming is in crisis, and as we are unsure of Post-Brexit Agricultural Policies, surely we need this valuable asset of Greenbelt Farmland to safeguard the continuation of future production of arable farming.

Plot R18/076 has always been in continual use as productive farmland and should stay as such.

2) IMPACT ON WILDLIFE AND ENCROACHMENT OF URBAN SPRAWL

The construction of 240 houses on this greenbelt land and the massive infrastructure needed for such a huge development, ie. urban lighting, roads, pathways, noise and light pollution, would seriously impact on the diverse wildlife in and around this plot and the surrounding countryside.

Hares, badgers, fox, hedgehogs, bats and birds such as Owl, Woodpecker, Lapwing, Buzzard together with newts, frogs and toads. All would be forced out of this natural habitat when we should be protecting and encouraging such diversity of our British Fauna.

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PROPOSED ENTRANCE SITE

The proposed entrance/exit site on Crouchley Lane is on a narrow country lane and on a tight, blind bend. This would be totally unsuitable and extremely dangerous. Over the years there have been numerous accidents and many near-misses on this part of Crouchley Lane.

For pedestrians there is only ONE narrow footpath running the length from the junction at Higher Lane up to the proposed entrance/exit site.

Being in very close proximity to Lympn Rugby Club (which has had plans passed for housing development) and Lympn Dam, at certain times Crouchley Lane is used for parking overload and is impossible for pedestrian access.

The excessive traffic movement that would ensue from this development would cause major safety issues both for pedestrians and motorists alike.

I know from experience the difficulty of exiting Crouchley Lane onto Higher Lane, especially at peak / school times. There is a constant stream of traffic along Higher Lane and can take a considerable time to access safely onto this main road.

How would 400+ extra vehicles from this development cope during these extremely busy times.

Summary

Lympns Schools, Dr's, Dentists etc together with Motorway access points, local car parks are already at full capacity. No Banks, No Post office.

The excessive demands which this development would cause would only serve to erode Lympns well-known appeal as a historical, picturesque, quaint, tranquil village.

It is for these reasons I strongly oppose the release of R18/076 from Greenbelt.

