



Parcel of land LY22 Site R18/076

I am a resident [REDACTED], overlooking field LY22, part of which, R18/076, is to be considered for release from green belt land.

I feel that this parcel of land makes a strong contribution to the purpose of green belt land. It is open and leads on to rolling countryside with low vegetation and mature trees in the distance. There is no boundary on the South side of this parcel, so contributes strongly to the openness to the countryside. [REDACTED]. I feel that we should be looking to avoid encroachment into the countryside, which would be contributing to urban sprawl.

Lymm Water Tower, which is situated on the North side of R18/076, is a Grade 2 listed building. When built as a water tower it was sited to be a landmark of Lymm and made to look like a castle. It has been tastefully developed as a private dwelling, with a haha so that no fences interfere with the view from the property. The public footpath crossing this parcel of land under consideration, has great views of the Water Tower, these views would be significantly affected by any development. This footpath is used regularly by dog walkers, ramblers and runners, giving easy access to further open spaces and local amenities, such as Lymm Dam, without the need for using the main road.

The field also provides an essential habitat for many species. Over the summer months, bats can be seen flying and feeding over the field and neighbouring gardens. I have also photographed hare in the field. The edge of the field, which does not get ploughed, provides habitat for small species, such as mice and hedgehogs, helping the biodiversity of the field. The nettles help with the butterfly population.

The report submitted by Berrys, shows access to the plot on Crouchley Lane. What you cannot see on their photograph is that this gateway is on a very sharp corner on a narrow country road. This is totally unsuitable for the possible number of cars that would be associated with 240 houses. Also, Lymm Dam has become a very popular tourist attraction, and on fine weekends, many cars have to park up Crouchley Lane as the car park is full, making this narrow lane even narrower. Although the junction of Crouchley Lane and Higher Lane is wide, Higher Lane is very busy, especially during rush hour and school start and finish times, so a lot of extra cars trying to access the main road is likely to cause a problem, especially people turning right.

Please also refer to

1. Walsingham Planning Report
2. Gary Earnshaw Report

3. Camlin Lonsdale Repot
4. The Highways Report for this site
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