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**Subject:** Local Plan Review

Hello,

I wish to comment on the use of green belt land for the Local Plan Review and Preferred Development Option. I could not find a specific email address, please can you forward this to the correct inbox, thanks.

I could not find a suitable section in the online questionnaire, hence this email.

I do not think that site references R18/044 and R18/067 "Land at Penketh Hall Farm" should be released from green belt, and I do not think they should be built upon.

The sites are in flood zones 2 and 3. The field lays under water for around a month every year from rainfall. When the nearby Mersey breaches its banks, flood defences upstream in town will send more water downstream making the flooding a greater problem when it inevitably comes. We should not be building in flood zones.

Although the sites are in WR77, which is considered to have only a moderate green belt contribution, they are within the General Assessment area of GB17, which is a Strong Green Belt (there are only 5 out of the 24 sites counted as Strong). I suggest that the green belt should be considered at this larger scale, otherwise the green belt concept becomes redundant. The permanence of the greenbelt is of imperative importance, and its legacy will last well beyond this planning period.

A foot path runs through the site - an amenity to local walkers, especially dog owners. Keeping the right of way without the space around it would not be as beneficial.

The site has a clear physical boundary of Well Lane and the brook; Hall Nook; the canal and railway.

The proposal is that Hall Nook would be used as access - as this is the only practical route. Hall Nook is already congested, with cars parked on either side of the road. It simply could not cope with the increase in traffic.



I see that that the area has been removed from the latest Preferred Development Option Summary map, and I felt it important to add my support to that decision.

Thank you for taking the time reading my views.

Regards, 



