

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Application Number R18/127 & 115 Parcel CR4 SHLAA Ref 15231

Name: [Redacted]

Address: [Redacted]

UPRN: [Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

Comments: I strongly object to this planning application and the lack of communication with the villagers of Croft.

Objection_to_planning_application.doc

Form Reference Number: [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Subject Ref: R18/127 & 115 Parcel CR4 SHLAA Ref 15231

I object very strongly to the plan to build over 200 houses on the above parcel of land.

The lack of consultation with the public has been appalling and makes it appear that this plan is a fait accompli with no room to object. It would appear that this scheme is being forced through by the land owners in collaboration with Warrington Borough Council.

Croft is a small village and would be completely swamped by this development. The unprecedented scale would have a massive impact on the environment, wildlife and also to the nature of the existing village.

There is no way that the roads round the village could be considered main ones. Even the one from Winwick to Culcheth has some bends in the village making it difficult for two buses to pass safely. Smithy Lane is used as a rat run from the M6 and East Lancs Road in the North to Birchwood Science Park to the South. The motorists who use Smithy Lane show little regard to the speed limit and very often break the 30 mph speed limit forgetting that this road divides the majority of homes from the Children's Playing Field putting the lives of children at risk.

There has already been an enquiry into traffic usage of Millhouse Lane – a very narrow lane with a 90 degree bend - but this has not yet been resolved. Local residents are still waiting for an answer.

At this moment the facilities quoted are largely exaggerated. There is no 'convenience store'. There is limited public transport between Warrington via Winwick to Culcheth and no one seems to know about the services to Birchwood Park. It is ludicrous to say that 'Good linkages.....will enable future residents to access a range of facilities and services present in the village without the need to travel by car'. [REDACTED] I am well aware that a car is not a luxury but a necessity if I wish to live a full and fulfilling life. I would like to know what 'range of facilities and services' there are here which are accessible.

[REDACTED] Croft Youth Activity Centre, which has the threat of eventual closure by Warrington Borough Council, [REDACTED] we are struggling to find a way forward. This building is unique in that it is primarily a 'YOUTH' building and I am sure there are no others like it in the Borough. It was the villagers who put up money for it to be built and now they are in danger of losing it.

I have already mentioned some of the roads round Croft which give cause for concern. Looking at the plan there is a road drawn on it from left to right starting at

Abbey Close and ending at Lady Lane. Little consideration has been given to the position of this exit onto Lady Lane.

Lady Lane, as the name implies, is a narrow lane and is just wide enough for two cars to pass safely. I had to pass a bin lorry travelling in the opposite direction last week and was quite worried as it was travelling over the white line on my side of the road. Again on this lane there is a bad bend at Christ Church and this is where the planned exit appears to be. This is definitely an accident or two waiting to happen. Where has road safety been taken into consideration?

These are my main objections but I am also concerned about the impact on already stretched services of schools, nursery places, doctors' surgeries and also taking into consideration that our neighbouring village, Culcheth, is slowly losing its facilities. There is now no bank facility there in spite of the growing number of residents locally. What facility will be next to go?

I hope that my objections will be taken seriously and into consideration and that more communication with the villagers of Croft will take place before plans are finally