

## Local Resident Objection to Policy OS9 – Land to the north of Winwick

The proposed site allocation OS9 at Winwick is unsound as it has not been demonstrated to be the most suitable and appropriate site for housing. Part of SHLAA site ref.3334 (shaded white and edged in bold red below) is considered to be a more appropriate and justified site for release from the Green Belt having regard to site constraints and the site's Green Belt function.

The proposed allocation OS9 is considered unsound due to:

- Its moderate-strong Green Belt function and the site's significant landscape sensitivity.
- The impact the proposal will have on the setting of the Historic Battlefield.
- The technical constraints affecting the site (including landfill and pylons) which, if avoided, are likely to result in an form of development that will not relate well to the urban area of Winwick.
- The limitations this would effect on the potential future expansion of the United Utilities waterworks, if needed to cater for increasing demand.

c.4 ha of site ref.3334 (shaded in white with a bold red edge below) is considered to be more suitable for the following reasons:

- It sits within a contained landscape and is bounded by existing development on three edges, thus performing a far more limited Green Belt function than the currently proposed allocation.
- It is not located adjacent to the Historic Battlefield site and will not therefore have implications for the setting of a heritage asset of national importance.
- It is a shorter distance from the local shop and primary school. Waterworks Lane is sufficiently wide to accommodate the traffic flow with some minor improvements to limit on-street parking. Site ref.3334 could also accommodate a small parking area within site to allow for the dropping off of children attending Winwick Primary School.
- It is not within a 250m landfill site buffer and is not constrained by pylons.
- It is a more proportionate scale of site that could accommodate 70 units with open space and parking, reflecting the scale and facilities available in Winwick.

