LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP - Bi Monthly Meeting

Monday September 21st 2026 at 7.15pm

Conference Room, The Travelodge, Lane Head, Lowton

1. **Welcome** everyone to the meeting by **(KJ)**
2. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Liz Brown, Stuart Mann, Simon Ellam, Shubha Dongre, Edward Houlton, Graham Wardle
3. **Minutes of last meeting** circulated online – accepted by Garry Lloyd & Christine Hill
4. **Financial Update (AL)** was given as usual. Also - many of you will be familiar with the Parkside Action Group. Following the Parkside Public Inquiry in 2020, the remaining members of the PAG Committee discussed the allocation of residual funds prior to the formal dissolution of the group. The group agreed to allocate £3,000 to LHSRG (providing that it is used in the protection of our local community from unsuitable development and safeguarding & enhancing the local environment). Our management committee have committed to their conditions and will manage the funds that have now been gratefully received – our thanks have been sent to the PAG representatives for this generous donation. Any spend will be reported on accordingly.

5. **Local Issues;** (for more detailed information on these points you should also view the attached Powerpoint presentation)

   (a) Update on proposed Tritax Development (GE). Gareth gave an update on recent activites (see slide 5 of the attached presentation for more information)

   (b) Wigan Council

   a. Update on Wigan Council draft plan greenbelt land status (see slide 7)
   b. Update on LHSRG meeting with Wigan Ward Councillor Jenny Gregory and Councillor Dane Anderton Cabinet Member for Resources and transformation, regarding a Council motion on the proposed Tritax Development. (see slide 8)
   c. LHSRG Committee are meeting with Wigan Council Executive Leader – Councillor Nazia Rehman, in early November (see slide 9). *(At this point in this evenings' meeting we asked for ideas from attendees (eg) what other issues would you like us to raise with Wigan and what questions would you like us to ask?). There is also the opportunity to email any suggestions to us to* lhsrg00@gmail.com
   d. Update on Wigan local plan – and consultation feedback assistance session (see slides 11,12,13,14). We are encouraging everyone to feed in comments on the local plan to Wigan Council. (No matter how small, or short – please say something. It's the only way you can have a say or influence the Council on what is happening). If you are unable to use the internet there is a paper copy form that you can complete and post to Wigan Council. If you are unable to download a copy of this form, please email us at lhsrg00@gmail.com and we will ensure you receive a copy.

   b) **Update on local residents' groups forum** arranged by LHSRG **(HL)** – held 24th August – attended by a number of local groups & Parish Councils - also attended by Jo Platt and George Woodward (Leader: St. Helens Council) – (see slide 16)

   c) Media coverage **(HL)**: Press interest and article releases on proposed Tritax development and Wigan Council support – Briefing on recent site visit by a local journalist and publication of articles opposing the development, and ongoing media coverage (see slide 18 & 19)

Local Councillor Updates

Jenny Gregory (Lowton East Labour) – Jenny updated us on the motion for Wigan Council to oppose the proposed Tritax development, reported on the success of and big improvements that are being made on local bus routes and timings. Jenny was asked about any planned transport improvements to get from Lane Head to Golborne Station in due course.

Simon Smith (Lowton East Reform UK) – Simon updated us on the first 100 days of his time as a councillor and also confirmed his support for the motion against the Tritax development. Simon responded to a question from the floor about whether he was in conversation with George Woodward from St Helens in respect of the Tritax Development. He responded that he has spoken with Mr Woodward and will remain in touch as the proposal progresses.

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- **Tom & Julia Rigby at Johnsons Farm** – local farmers on Kenyon Lane, Julia gave us an update on their plans to sell milk directly from their farm gate via a vending machine or honesty box. Currently work is underway to get this initiative started. We continue our support for them in this endeavour and asked them to let us know if there is anything we can do to help. Once the operation is up and running we will post on our socials to give more details
- **A number of Local Farms** – are receiving letters from Tritax expressing a wish to buy land in the area of a proposed by-pass to link the East Lancs Road with Winwick Lane – one to watch
- **Visit to Safety Central – free event**, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service's award-winning education centre at Lymm near Warrington (https://safetycentral.org.uk/) – 6th October 3pm-5.30pm. There are up to 20 places available for this visit – 9 are already taken. Please email lhsrg00@gmail.com if you wish to take part.
- **Highfield Moss Community walk and talk free event** focusing on mental health support and raising awareness with Jo Platt - Saturday 10th October. Meeting at the Travellers Rest pub at 10am.
- **2026 Lane Head Advent Calendar** – Lighting up Lane Head this Christmas, with advent window displays. Do we have enough volunteers to take part this year? Last year 24 houses in the very local area to Lane Head signed up to take part in our December count down to Christmas. Details attached, please email lhsrg00@gmail.com if you wish to take part.
- **Extended discussion took place regarding traffic concerns on Newton Road**. It was agreed that general daytime speeding is not the primary concern; the broader issues relate to;

    - Increased Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) movements
    - Overnight traffic speeding
    - Instances of dangerous overtaking
    - HGV traffic driving too close to the pavement, pedestrians & parked cars
    - Use of mobile phones by drivers

    Following discussion, the committee resolved to gather formal evidence and prepare a comprehensive case to submit to Wigan Council.

Traffic Monitoring Data
General traffic monitoring data provided by the Lowton and Golborne Traffic Action Group (LaGTAG) was presented for information. This dataset has been made available to LHSRG to support ongoing research and strengthen our proposal to Wigan Council regarding the introduction of speed and weight restrictions on Newton Road.

- **Nature Day at Hesketh** – see attached poster
- **Last Night of the Proms event** – see attached poster (please note that the venue for the Last Night of the Proms is Lowton Social Club. Tickets can be collected from behind the bar)

Next residents' meeting - Monday 16th November 7:15 pm

Advance notice of - Carols Around The Christmas Tree event – Sunday 6th December at 4pm