



PRESS RELEASE

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LYMM RESIDENTS CONCERNED OVER PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Lymm Parish Council is responding to Warrington Borough Council's Local Plan Preferred Development Option expressing concern over the number of houses that have been proposed for Lymm, most of which will require the release of land in the greenbelt.

Councillor John Bamforth, Chairman of Lymm Parish Council, commented "We are concerned over the lack of clarity on what the Preferred Development Option means for Lymm. Our main concern is the lack of infrastructure to accommodate 500 extra houses and the effect additional developments are going to have on the character of Lymm and the loss of greenbelt."

"The Parish Council voted unanimously to delegate powers and provide an initial budget to the Lymm Neighbourhood Plan Group to research, write and consult on a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. The group will be independently run by Lymm residents and will seek the views of the public on how they see our village developing over the next 20 years. The group will have the full backing of the Parish Council", he continued.

Warrington Council is currently consulting on the first proposals for the Local Plan for the town as a whole. The deadline for all comments from residents is Friday 29th September and the Parish Council urge people to respond via email ldf@warrington.gov.uk.

Councillor Bob Barr, who is acting as advisor to the Neighbourhood Plan group, together with Councillor Anna Fradgley, said "Some development is inevitable and 'no change' is not an option. However, it is crucial that local residents have their say, otherwise development will take place anywhere in Lymm, regardless."

"The first consultation meeting, open to all Lymm residents, is on Saturday 14th October 11am to 3pm, Lymm Village Hall, Pepper Street. Here, residents can learn more about what the group will be doing and have their say on how they want to shape Lymm for the future."

Dr Natalie Palmer, chair of the Lymm Neighbourhood Plan Group added, "It is vital that residents respond to the Warrington Preferred Development Plan by Friday 29th September, so that they get their say. After that, we can work closely on what Lymm residents want for our village, which will ultimately be taken to a referendum and if

successful, will have the same statutory weight as the Local Plan, but will be specifically for Lymm. We need them to come to our consultation event on the 14th October which specifically concentrates on Lymm.”

For more information on the Warrington's Local Plan Preferred Development Option before the 29th September deadline, please see www.warrington.gov.uk/localplanreview and for the Lymm only consultation on 14th October, please go to the Lymm Parish Council website www.lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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Lymm Neighbourhood Plan Group and Parish Councillors



Chairman Lymm Parish Council - John Bamforth