


Dear Sir/Madam

Ref: PAR/LHRAM 33687

I am writing this letter to register my objection against the building of a Lidl supermarket and the loss of our Green grassland and its Public Right of Way for the following reasons:
The building of a Lidl Supermarket and the destruction of our Green Space and Public Right of Way would have an unacceptable impact upon the health and well-being of our people, not only on Upton but on outlying areas i.e. Moreton, Grasby, Franky and Arrow Park Hospital Hospital and its environs. This Public Right Of Way is used by families taking their children to and from school; by people going to and from the village; going to work; going to appointments at AHP; going to Upton Station; catching public transport for further journeys ahead, i.e. Liverpool. To dismiss this Public Right of Way, as a piece of wasteland, displays total contempt for the well being of our people. Lidl want to bury it to accommodate 96 car parking bays.

I marvel at the way the members of the new Policy Resource Committee could with such flippancy and indifference ignore the health and of our people.

There is a Covenant that dates back to 1919: in brief it states the land should not be used for any other purpose 'which shall produce noise or smoke or any noxious or disagreeable vapours or smells or to be otherwise injurious to the neighbourhood...'

Toxic pollution like the Coronavirus is a danger to all of us! It does not differentiate between class, creed or political preference.

Those who do not comprehend those facts have no business being in politics. The money offered by Lidl is frankly risible: less than one million pounds, it will sink without trace. But the argument goes the food is cheaper there. A few pounds off the weekly shop and ratable value of the premises will not compensate for the corrosive effect its presence will have on public health. The traffic on the roundabout earmarked for the proposed development is at gridlock at peak hour traffic and often throughout the day. It leads into a massive Sainsbury Supermarket and A retail Outlet.

Particulate Matter (PM) comes in the form of minute liquid particles and liquid droplets. It is an atmospheric pollutant once inhaled, enters the lungs and blood stream and causes irreversible damage to our lungs and internal organs. P.M's is a silent killer. It destroys with every breath we take. The building of another supermarket in Upton and the constant coming and going of traffic into and off the Lidl car park would exacerbate the problem.

Yet in the Wirral Plan for 2020 there is no mention of the effects P. M. has upon public health. Smoking on the Wirral has falling for many years yet many diseases associated with smoking continue to rise! What is rising on Wirral are vehicle numbers and total miles travelled.

80% of Particulate Matter comes from bitumen, rubber, organic and other waste released by vehicle tyres and from road surfaces. A report taken by Air Quality sites the effects PM can have in the newborn: cardio vascular defects, cognitive defects; prematurity, and tragically, still born babies.

It can cause or exacerbate heart disease, stroke; bronchitis; asthma; emphysema; dementia; depression. Research has identifies high levels of PMs with with Alchemises disease. Glaucoma disease. The most recent research identifies a correlation between the rapid spread of the Coronavirus, and high mortality in urban areas with levels of high P. M.s.

Our hospitals are under severe pressure. It will only get worse as pollution continues to destroy and the CORONAVIRUS continues to infect exponentially. People in the richest areas in the U.K. can expect to live 19 years longer than those living in areas of high density and high PM.

A Climate Emergency was declared by Wirral Council in July 2019. It was seen as a crucial step towards making Wirral 'carbon neutral' by 2050. The development of this land goes again this crucial policy. It makes a farce of it!

Sale of this land would set a precedent when other Green Open Spaces were up for development.

The impact of toxic pollution impacts on every aspect of our daily lives. Our hospitals are under constant pressure. It will only only get worse as pollution continues to destroy and the Coronavirus continues to infect exponentially. It undermines our health with every breath we take.

Desperate natives in a remote part China entered the habitat of wild animals seeking food to sell at markets in Wuham City. They were forced to live on the edge of life by brutal property developers. The animals they caught carried the Coronavirus. We now have a world wide pandemic. Millions have caught the virus and thousands have died and continue to die. This pandemic was precipitated by voracious greed and failure of China's hierarchy to protect their most vulnerable citizens. A world recession is looming caused by insatiable greed and by callous indifference to the well-being of their people.

Every action has a reaction. Merseyside Fire Brigade sold the land to Lidl and WBC, under the then leadership, allowed the building a new Fire Station on Greenbelt in Saughall Massie. This land also had a covenant on it which WBC choose to ignore. Selling off our precious green spaces is not a viable proposition in the face of Global warning and widespread flooding. It is not what the people want. It is our of touch with the Act of 1906 states that local authorities must '...hold and administer the open space in trust to allow the enjoyment of it as an open space '...and for no other purpose'.

Another supermarket in Upton would push Upton retailers over the edge. Livelihoods lost, families left destitute and a once proud village sinking inexorably into the abyss.

As socialists, can we live with that? Can we look the other way?

Please Say No to the destruction of our Public Right of Way and green spaces. Say NO to a Lidl supermarket in Upton.

I understand WBC sold off 200 green land sites 2014 2018 for £27. 4 million between 2014 and 2018. Have WBC been able to recoup any of the money lend to other Labour Councils in the North of England under the leadership of Phil Davies? Appalling fiscal management under his leadership as well as brutal Tory cuts have put us in this invidious situation. Enough is enough!

Yours sincerely

