

**MATTER FIVE/ DRAFT HEARINGS PROGRAMME**

**SOUTH RIBBLE EXAMINATION – SITES AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES**

**Emnie Lane site, Leyland (Policies G – Chapter G3)**

**Matter 5 - 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**Response date: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

**Dear Mrs Parker**

**Agreement Statement relating to the safeguarding of the land off Emnie Lane Leyland**

I am writing to you in agreement of the proposal to safeguard the land off Emnie Lane Leyland

For the last 28 years, I have had a close connection with Leyland visiting my grandparents' Home on Leyland Lane where I have spent many a happy hour as a child by the river Lostock enjoying the local wildlife. This country feel influenced our move to the area. Me and my family moved to Leyland in 2002 and the fields adjacent and close to the River Lostock still hold our appeal, and still contain an abundance of flora which includes tress, wild flowers and fauna including foxes, hedgehogs, pheasants, badgers, bird life

I feel that the site in particular is a breathing space and buffer zone for the people of Leyland and has potential for the big society to happen. The site offers potential for an informal recreational area for young and old alike. This is because there is potential for nature trails, environmental regeneration of the river Lostock and surrounding areas to make the area even better. I would urge in the strongest terms not to spoil what's left of Leyland's Countryside and it's the flora and fauna, and it's historical connections with the medieval Leyland Hundred.

I also don't feel that the fragile infrastructure of the Leyland Lane and surrounding roads/lanes will accommodate a further increase in industrial traffic. Industrial Units built next to local housing would be detrimental to local resident's quality of life. Industrial units would also raise the prospect of crime and anti-social behaviour which would have a negative impact on the surrounding areas but also the development itself. With reduced policing cover due to the cutbacks this would only worsen.

Land with employment unit provision already granted must be used up before other sites such as the land off Emnie Lane

Yours sincerely

James Cornthwaite