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Dear Derek Twigg MP

Objections to the planned housing development by Taylor Wimpey in Sandy Lane and Chapel Lane

Cranton Parish Council (CPC) are writing to you in follow up to a letter sent to you in 2022 from the then Chairman of CPC, Mr. David Rostance. At that time this proposed housing development did not fall fully in your constituency but with the revised boundaries it now does.

The land for development was formerly Green Belt land (not Grey either) used as farm land and straddles Sandy Lane in Halton BC. The exit from the proposed development is onto Chapel Lane in Knowsley MBC and hence both Halton and Knowsley councils are involved in the planning process.

The Knowsley planning reference is 23/01037/OUT (Halton is 23/00244/OUT) and there are over 260 objections to this proposal on the Knowsley planning portal mainly from residents of Cranton village. There will be a similar number in Halton.

CPC are representing its parishioners and is vehemently against this proposed development to build at least 350 houses on what used to be Green Belt land which will reduce the buffer land between communities to zero in parts and is therefore not consistent with one of the prime purposes of the Green Belt - that is to prevent neighboring towns merging into one another.

Some of CPC's other objections are listed below:

> Loss of irreplaceable green belt utilised by many including Halton residents who have lost rural pursuits in Halton due to extensive developments removing green

belt. The rural walk down Sandy Lane will be completely ruined by the planned housing development.

> This development would exit onto Chapel Lane in Knowsley between two dangerous blind bends

> It is quoted that this is a much-needed development to fulfil Halton's housing quota. That is a statement without any merit for as well as this application Halton have already either earmarked or started construction at five other sites both on the Cronton border and in Halton all removing greenbelt effectively developing right up to the Knowsley border:

> Sandy Lane to Queensbury Way - 350 homes

> Land opposite the Six Form college to the side of Pex Hill

> Land in Lunts Heath Road adjacent to the Horns garage

> Land opposite the Everglades Hotel in Derby Road - 500 homes

> Land in Halebank - 500 homes

> Four of these developments will either exit or impact heavily on the already congested A5080 and could potentially swell the local population by 7000 and put an additional 5000 cars on the roads that will also put significant strain on local facilities such as schools and healthcare/social care.

> There are also massive developments by Knowsley at Halsnead just abutting the northern boundary of our Parish - we are surrounded by developments.

> Halton's incessant removal of green belt and open space must surely stop as the only green space left in the borough will be existing parks and recreation grounds and this is very detrimental to quality of life as clearly demonstrated during the Pandemic.

In conclusion CPC would like you to support our case against this proposed development which we believe will be most detrimental to our Village and local area. CPC are available to discuss this issue with yourself at your convenience.

Yours sincerely

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Parish Clerk
Cronton Parish Council