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24th August 2026.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to formally object to the inclusion of the 29.03 hectare land submission around Ashley (12 adjoining sites totalling 29.03 hectares in the Cheshire East Local Plan / SHELAA.

Promoted development of this magnitude is unviable. It violates statutory local policy and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

I have been a resident of Ashley since [redacted] prior to that the family home was in Hale Barns where I grew up from the age of 3 years. [redacted] In my lifetime this land is protected Green belt and remains so. This is my first objection:-

The total conflict with Green Belt Policy (North Cheshire Green Belt & very importantly the 'Wash-over' status that Ashley is protected by.)

My second objection is that Ashley village and surrounds does not have the infrastructure to support mass or in fact any expansion. The electricity supply is barely adequate for the the approximate 65 houses that make up Ashley village. Continuous problems since I moved here 22 years ago. The water supply also is inadequate and would need huge amounts of monetary investment to make it feasable for any further housing development to be supplied adequately.

The village does not even have a shop, the school shut years ago. There is no bus service and the train service is one train per hour, possibly being reduced to one every

two hours in the future. Rail commuting would be unfeasible for new residents.

This brings me to my third and very important statement of objection.

Highways and Safety. The surrounding rural road network constrained by narrow railway bridges and single-lane pinch points cannot under any circumstances accomodate thousands of additional vehicles moving toward the A538 and M56 let alone the influx into Hale Village and Knutsford town. Some bridges are Grade II listed. The present road network cannot, in all honesty, sustain the amount and size of vehicle on the road at present. Accidents and death seeming inevitable.

[redacted] This was May 2018 and by July 2018 I was having to look at plans for the HS2 Phase 2b which would have totally annihilated Ashley and now plans for 11,000 or 1000plus or 250 houses on the same land points earmarked for the HS2 at present shelved but who knows if they will be resurrected. What are the legal implications of two separate entities wanting the same parcels of land? I dont know but I do know this causes me and many other residents unwarranted stress. Long term stress ~~which~~ which has its consequences.

[redacted] living in the village environment I have known here in Ashley all my life and being a resident for the [redacted] have thoroughly enjoyed.

All my points are valid objections that in depth when explored legally would stand up in a court of law when presented by the appropriate specialists.

I hope Ashley will be protected. It always has been

especially by its Greenbelt washover status.

