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Dear Inspectors,

Central Lancashire Local Plan – Highways Evidence

We write to you on behalf of Wyre Borough Council (WBC) to provide an update to the potential transport concerns we raised within the Statement of Common Ground between Central Lancashire Local Plan Authorities (CLLPA) and WBC dated June 2025 ([DCO8](#)).

The commentary provided within the Statement of Common Ground reflected WBC position in advance of the publication of the Stage 2 Transport Study. The concerns we raised were particularly focused on the A6 corridor (in Wyre and Preston); Broughton roundabout/ Junction 1 M55/M6 (in Preston) and potentially Junction 2 M55 (in Preston).

WBC raised potential concerns as development on Wyre/Preston boundary creates cross-boundary vehicle movement. We were also mindful that this part of the local and strategic highway network was a concern for local highway authority (Lancashire County Council) and National Highways during the preparation of the Adopted Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) and continues to be during the preparation of the emerging Wyre Local Plan (2022-2040).

Since June 2025 and the publication of Stage 2 Transport Study, CLLPA has engaged with WBC and has responded to some of the questions we have raised on the Transport evidence prepared. WBC submitted its latest questions to CLLPA on 16 September 2025 and a response remains outstanding.

On this basis, WBC remains concerned over the extent of the highway assessment work undertaken. A key concern for WBC (whilst not exhaustive) is the use of growth projections from National Trip End Model (NTEM) and whether this has ultimately underrepresented growth in the adopted and emerging local plans for Wyre. If this is the case, the scale of the impact on the highway network and mitigation measures necessary will be under represented.

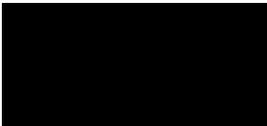
We welcomed CLLPA providing a Wyre growth comparison between NTEM and Wyre Local Plan for the period 2024-2041. The comparison highlighted a difference in trips of 813 between the Local Plan (5032) and NTEM (4219).

This comparison was based on the minimum housing requirement of 296 net additional dwellings per annum (dpa) which reflect the housing requirement in the adopted Local Plan for the period 2019-2031¹, CLLPA have rolled this forward to 2041. We are mindful that the growth assumptions for the Plan period for the emerging Local Plan (2022-2040) would provide a more appropriate assessment of growth. The housing need calculated using the government Standard Method for Wyre is currently 599dpa. Consideration of distribution of development along the A6 should also be considered.

Wyre have as part of raising this concern on 16 September 2025 suggested that sensitivity testing is needed to fully consider the cross-boundary implications of development in Wyre. To support this work, Wyre would be willing to work with CLLPA to provide an assessment of transport flows resulting from development along the A6 in the emerging Local Plan.

If you have any queries regarding the contents of this summary letter or require a fuller response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,



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¹ There was a minimum housing requirement of 479 net additional dpa between 2011 and 2019 and 296 net additional dpa between 2019 and 2031.