



CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL (Knowsley)

(b) APP. NO: 20/00578/FUL CASE OFFICER: Clare Appleyard APPLICANT: The Land Trust APP. TYPE Full Application LOCATION: Former Site Of Cronton Colliery Cronton Road Cronton PROPOSAL: CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW COUNTRY PARK COMPRISING OF THE CREATION OF SCULPTURED LANDSCAPE, HABITAT/WETLAND HABITAT CREATION, ASSOCIATED WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE, ENGINEERING/EARTHWORKS INCLUDING CHANGES TO SITE LEVELS TOGETHER WITH THE ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY VISITOR CENTRE INCLUDING RECEPTION, CAFÉ, EDUCATION SPACE, RANGER OFFICES AND AN OUTDOOR TERRACE AREA; ERECTION OF OUTDOOR CLASSROOM CANOPY; SKY ROOM; PROVISION OF COLLIERY AND MINERAL LINE SUSTRANS ROUTES, NEW PATHS INCLUDING SUSTRANS ROUTE NORTH OF THE M62 BRIDGE UP TO WINDY ARBOR ROAD AND PROVISION OF NEW CAR PARK. VEHICULAR ACCESS TO BE TAKEN FROM CRONTON ROAD VIA ACCESS ROAD TO NEIGHBOURING EMPLOYMENT SITE/COUNTRY PARK CAR PARK WITH NEW FOOTBRIDGE OVER EMPLOYMENT SITE/CAR PARK ACCESS ROAD AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS FROM CRONTON ROAD AND FOX'S BANK LANE. In principle, Cronton Parish Council supports the proposal with the observations given below.

As the proposed new Country Park is part of the development on the former site of Cronton Colliery and both the commercial and country park developments share the main access on Cronton Road, our comments on APP. NO. 20/00494/HYB are also considered relevant to this planning proposal (APP. NO. 20/00578/FUL). They are as follows:

- Traffic - The Parish Council is concerned that the proposal with one point of entry and exit will result in increased LGV and HGV traffic passing through Cronton Village particularly from M62 junction 7. Direct entry to the site from the M62 would alleviate this problem.
- Lighting - The Parish Council believe lighting should be designed to reduce light pollution particularly taking into account the negative impact lighting pollution will have on the activities of Liverpool Astronomical Society at Pex Hill.
- Park Security - The Parish Council is concerned that the plans for the proposed park do not include any measures in terms of security and measures to prevent anti-social activity which could spread to Cronton via the proposed cycle route.

Additional comments:

- pedestrian and cycle access on Fox's Bank Lane – The Parish Council finds that a 'Pegasus' crossing is unsafe for the location taking into consideration a nearby dangerous bend evidenced by a recent road accident that has caused serious damages to the stonewall (two photos are attached). So for the safety of the Park users, the 'Pegasus' crossing should be replaced by a footbridge.
- Construction traffic – The Parish Council is concerned about the potential construction traffic impact on Cronton Village, we therefore would request that all construction traffic should be diverted to Tarbock Island

