

CRICKET CLUB PLANS APPROVED

Plans to redevelop Standish Cricket Club by selling some land for homes has been passed. Wigan Council's planning committee agreed to an application that would pay for a new brick-built pavilion, improved training facilities and a new car park – which the club says will secure its future for generations.

The club, on Green Lane, says it needs to sell off some land at its periphery, outside the playing area, for the building of five homes to pay for the improvements.



The club says its facilities have been falling into disrepair for many years as they have not been eligible to secure grant funding, unlike other neighbouring cricket clubs. The club says the sale of “two small and, importantly, unused sections of land” would “be utilised to replace the existing wooden/prefabricated building with purpose-built brick cricket pavilion, finance entirely new practice facilities, and upgrade the existing car park”.

The club stated: “Without the land disposal, the sums involved for the proposed redevelopment project are so significant, they are prohibitively expensive, to the extent that the club's 146-year history and ongoing existence are in serious doubt.”

Despite some objections, planning permission was granted and the club can now proceed with the plans.

The photos show where the five homes would go - one off Green Lane and four off Wilkesley Avenue - and designs for the new pavilion.



DOCUMENTARY FILM ABOUT PARISH CHURCH

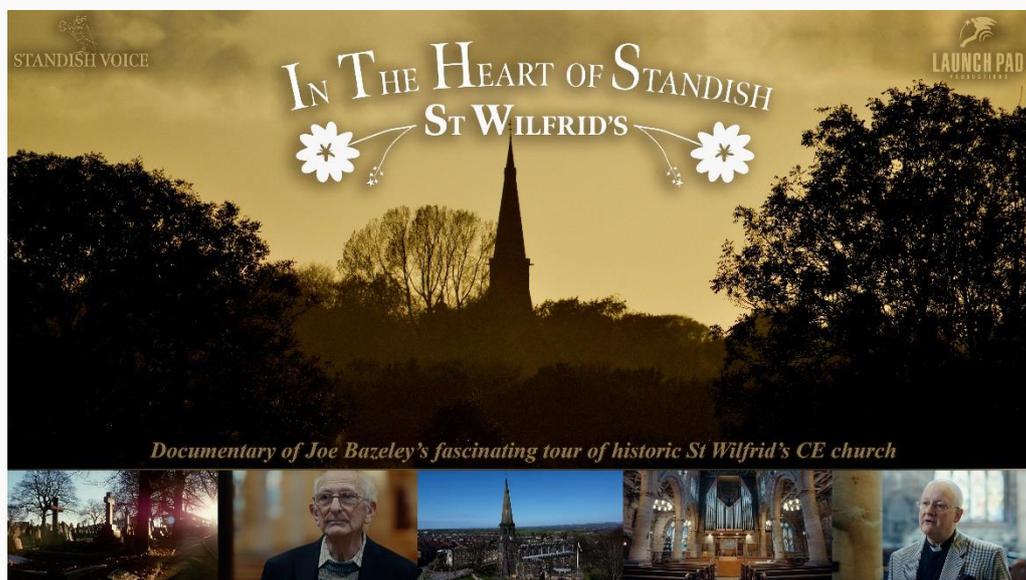
Do you want to know the history of Standish's St Wilfrid's Church through a feature-length documentary?

Watch the fascinating story of the parish church – and how it shaped the life of the village – in this two-hour film following tour guide Joe Bazeley around the Grade I-listed building.

The beautifully shot film – commissioned and funded by Standish Voice and directed by Majed Sena – is raising money for the upkeep of the almost 500-year-old church and features the building, its architecture and artefacts that also reveal Standish's rich history.

Watch the film, titled In The Heart Of Standish – St Wilfrid's on YouTube here – <https://youtu.be/IBGt-DnzYP8> – but please make a donation to the church's restoration fund (£10 is suggested)

here: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/save-standish-spire>



[To read a news story on the church film, click here](#)

WE NEED CHRISTMAS MARKET VOLUNTEERS

**It's less than three months until this year's Standish Christmas Market!
As always, we'll be relying on the fantastic Standish community to support us when we need you most.**

If you're new to the area and looking to meet people or lived here all your life and want to get involved in a brilliant community event, we've got plenty of roles for people of all abilities.

We expect this year's Market - on Saturday, November 30th - to be bigger and have even more to offer the whole family, but this also means we'll need more help.

Last year more than 40 volunteers covered 413 hours in Market week to ensure that everything was set up, packed down, tidied and went OK on the day! And that doesn't include the hours the committee put in for planning the day!

The leaflet, below, has been delivered to homes on the new estates in Standish recently.

If you can volunteer, even if it's only a few hours, we'd LOVE to hear from you! Email any enquiries to StandishVoiceVolunteers@gmail.com.

You can now follow the event page for all the latest information on what's happening this year.

See: <https://facebook.com/events/s/standish-christmas-market-2024/939260784626820/>

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Volunteers! We need you.

If you don't already know, Standish Christmas Market has been the village's busiest annual event since 2016. Every year, the day gets bigger and better and we expect 2024 to continue that trend on Saturday 30th November. While our volunteer committee have been busily planning the event since February, as always, it can only be a success with the support of the fantastic Standish community. We desperately need volunteers to help with all sorts of roles and for all sorts of abilities during the setting up, on the day and packing down of the event. No training is necessary, just a friendly attitude and a few hours of your time. So if you're new to the area and looking to meet people and make new friends, or been here for years and just want to be part of a fantastic and popular annual event, get in touch for more details.

For volunteering opportunities contact
StandishVoiceVolunteers@gmail.com
Or general enquiries to StandishVoiceEvents@gmail.com

Watch the video here!



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NEW PLAN FOR ALLOTMENTS ON RECTORY LANE

A leisure development in Standish which was stuck in a legal wrangle is now set to be completed by the end of the year.

Wigan Council and the developer of the housing estate next to Standish Leisure Centre were in a legal stand-off over land behind the centre but now, after slight changes to the plans have been agreed, the work should be done by around the end of December. The work includes around 20 allotments, two play areas, landscaping and a footpath linking the development to St Wifrid's CE Primary School.

See the plans below...





This map is part of a series of self-led walking routes that have been carefully selected for local people to explore. We hope that you enjoy exploring what Wigan Borough has to offer.

Group walks

If you're looking to join a group walk, then look no further than the Be Well walking programme.

Walking sessions are suitable for adults of all fitness levels and abilities. Just bring yourself, have fun and enjoy the great outdoors! We have a range of walks available including Bump 'n' Buggy, Nordic, Nature, Waggy Tails, and Bat Walks, plus our regular weekly and monthly walks starting from different venues across the borough.

For a full list of walks visit bewellwigan.org/walking

About the Bee Network

The Bee Network is the Greater Manchester vision for an integrated transport system which will combine bus, tram, cycling, walking and rail journeys. The network aims to provide a cheaper, cleaner and healthier way to travel across Greater Manchester.

For further information on how you can travel more actively and leave the car behind for short journeys visit beactive.tfgm.com

Further information

To view and download the full series of Wigan Borough Walks and find other ways to get moving, visit bewellwigan.org/walking or email walking@bewellwigan.org

For other useful information please visit

- gmwalking.co.uk
- ramblers.org.uk

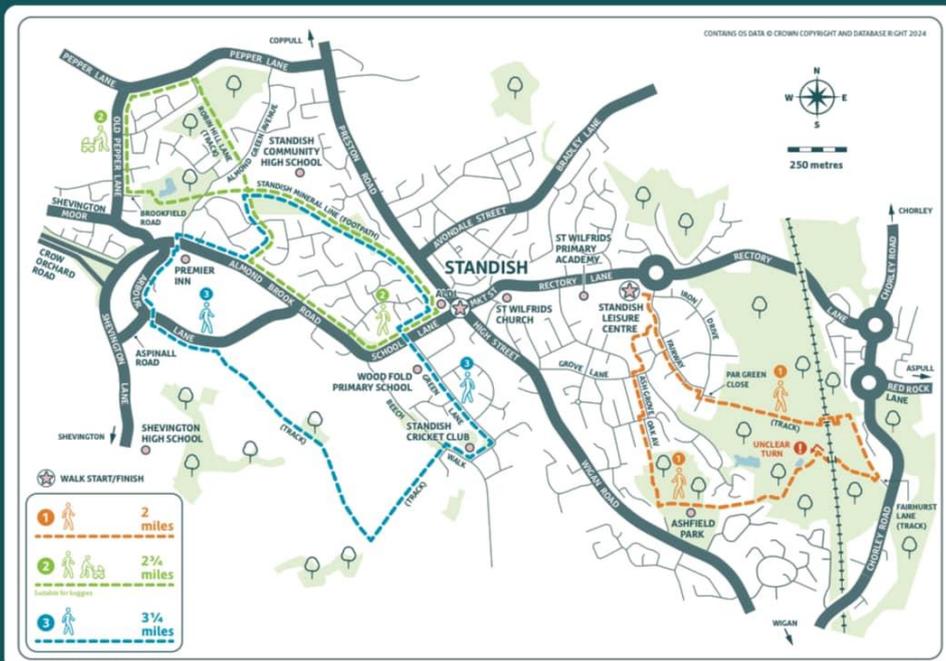
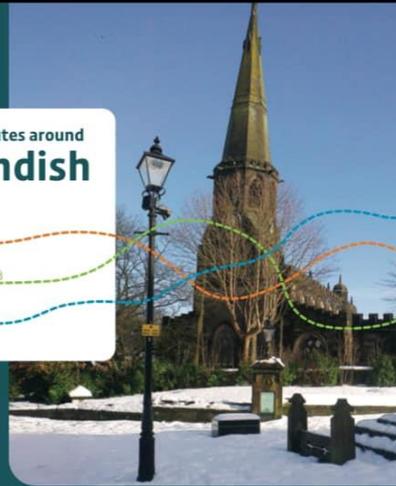


Wigan Borough Walks



Three routes around Standish

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- 2 2 1/4 miles
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NEW WALKING TRAILS FOR STANDISH

Do you want to know about local walks close to Standish centre?

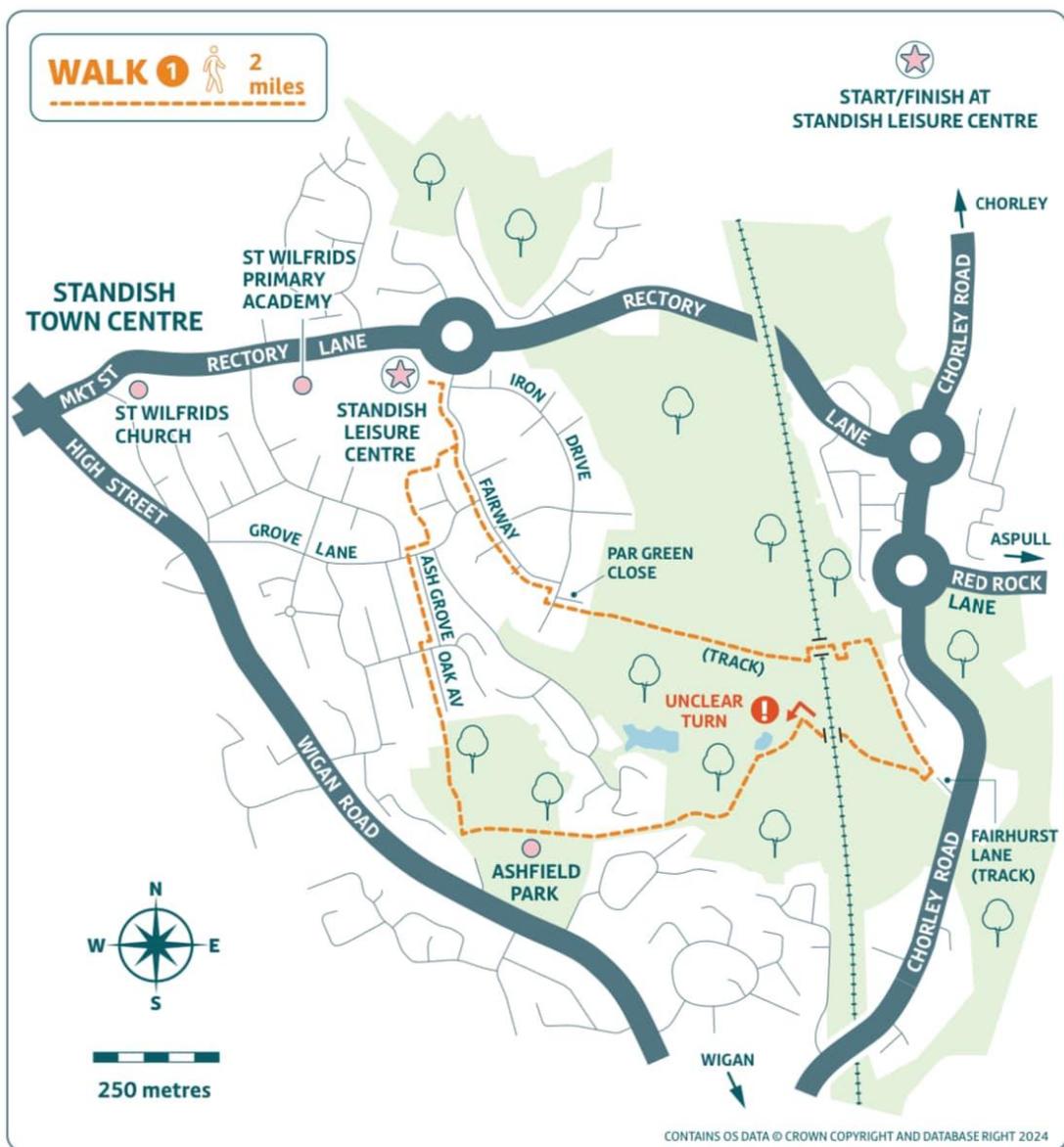
Want to explore new footpaths and bridleways in the village?

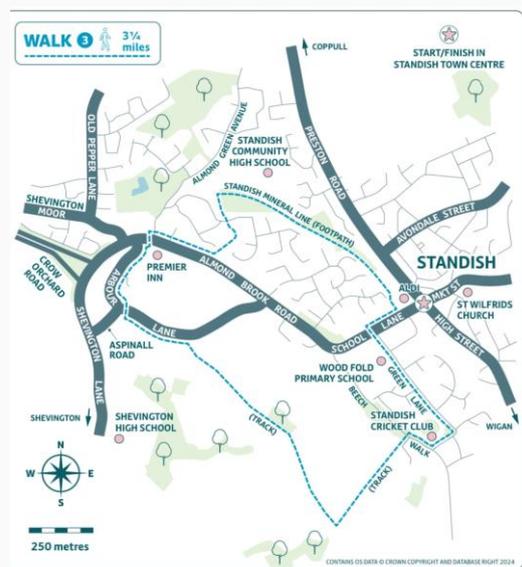
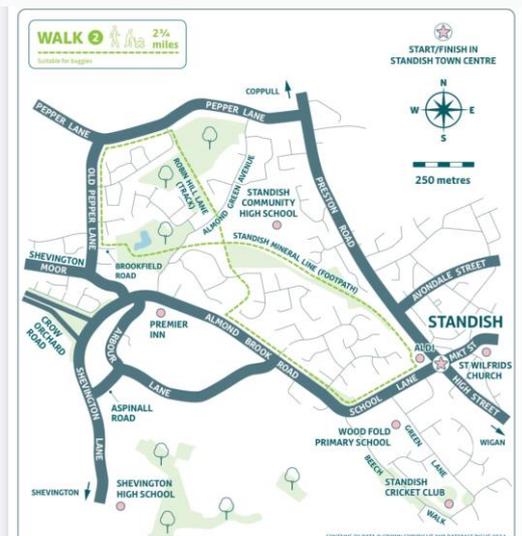
Standish Voice has worked with Wigan Council in producing three self-guided walking maps around Standish - which you can find online or as physical copies.

The walks are 2, 2.25 and 3.25 miles long and you can print them out the images here or find them on the internet here - <https://bewellwigan.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Standish-Walking-Map.pdf> - or pick up printed versions at

Standish Library or Standish Leisure Centre.

There is a combined version, above, and the three individual walks, below.





A series of guided walks have been arranged to celebrate the production of the maps. Sign up to go on them.

Walk 1: Tuesday 17th September – 6.30pm-7.30pm. Arrive from 6.15pm (book on via the council's Be Well app or ring; capacity 25) covering the south of Standish and the area of Ashfield Park will be led by Tracy Lamb the council's Be Well Walks Coordinator and will start from: Standish Leisure Centre, Rectory Ln, Standish, Wigan WN6 0XB – free parking. Tracy can be contacted on 07943840259.

Walk 2: Tuesday 24th September, 6pm-7.15pm. Arrive from 5.45pm (book via the Be Well app or ring; capacity 25). Walk 2, which celebrates the Standish Mineral Line, part of the Bee Network, will be led by Bev Baldwin our Be Well Active Travel Walking Activator. Parking after the yellow lines on Green Lane Standish Wigan head for WN6 0TS (on road parking please be mindful of the residents). Bev can be contacted on 07870185702

Walk 3: Sunday 8th October – 11pm-12.30pm approx. Arrive from 10.45am (book on via the Be Well app or ring; capacity 25). Walk 3 which starts on rural paths in Standish with breathtaking views and covers part of the Bee Network on the Mineral Line will be led by Bev Baldwin. Parking after the yellow lines on Green Lane Standish Wigan head for WN6 0TS (on road parking please be mindful of the residents). Bev can be contacted on 07870185702

HERITAGE TRAILS FOR THE VILLAGE

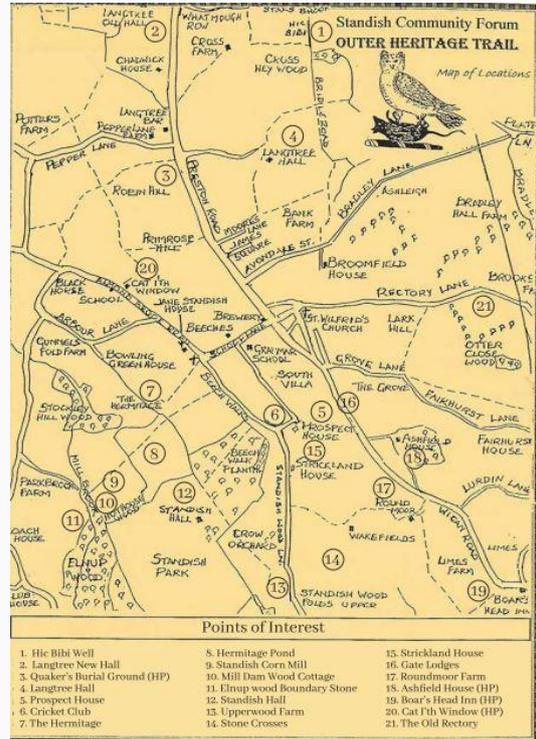
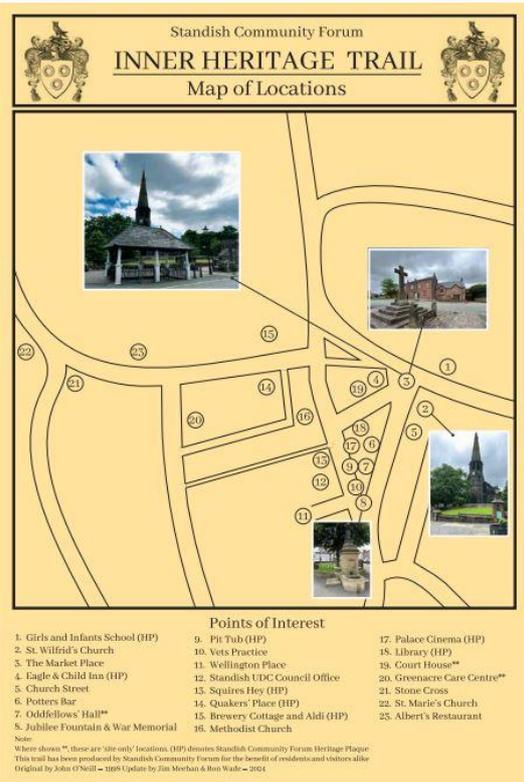
Standish Voice has published history maps around Standish with the help of Standish Community Forum – and you can download them here.

The two heritage trails, an inner Standish one and an outer one, have points of interest explained with locations outlined on the maps.

The maps were originally created by John O'Neill with funding from Standish Community Forum and they have now been updated by Standish Voice committee member Ron Wade and local historian Jim Meehan.

High resolution versions are posted on Standish Voice's website where they can be downloaded and printed off. See: <https://www.standishvoice.co.uk/information/maps/>

A limited number of printed versions are in Standish Library, the Parish Hall and Community Centre.



WHAT WILL NEW PLANNING RULES MEAN FOR US?

What will the Government announcement on housing and planning mean for Standish?

The short answer is that we don't exactly know yet and they are just proposals currently, but unless they change significantly there could be increased pressure to

build more homes in Standish and reduced ability to resist it.

The Government wants to build 1.5 million more homes in the next five years and we all know more housing is needed generally, but Standish has had too many homes built here too quickly which has put huge pressure on our infrastructure.

So, where Standish is concerned, the main impacts seem to be on housing targets and our Green Belt being eaten away through the creation of 'grey belt'.

Wigan will be given a much higher target on the annual number of new homes that need to be built and developers will want to construct homes here because Standish is a highly desirable place to live in and there are huge profits to be made.

'Grey belt' would be parts of the Green Belt which were previously developed or do not contribute significantly to the Green Belt. Areas of Standish that may qualify for that are the coal wash near Boar's Head or the former tip on Chorley Road, for example.

It does not mean these areas necessarily will be built on as there may be other reasons not to, and all grey belt areas chosen for development must have 50% of housing as 'affordable' - it is 25% in Wigan now - with some for social rent.

Wigan Council has suspended consultation on its next Local Plan but has told us it did not expect more housing in Standish. However, this could now change.

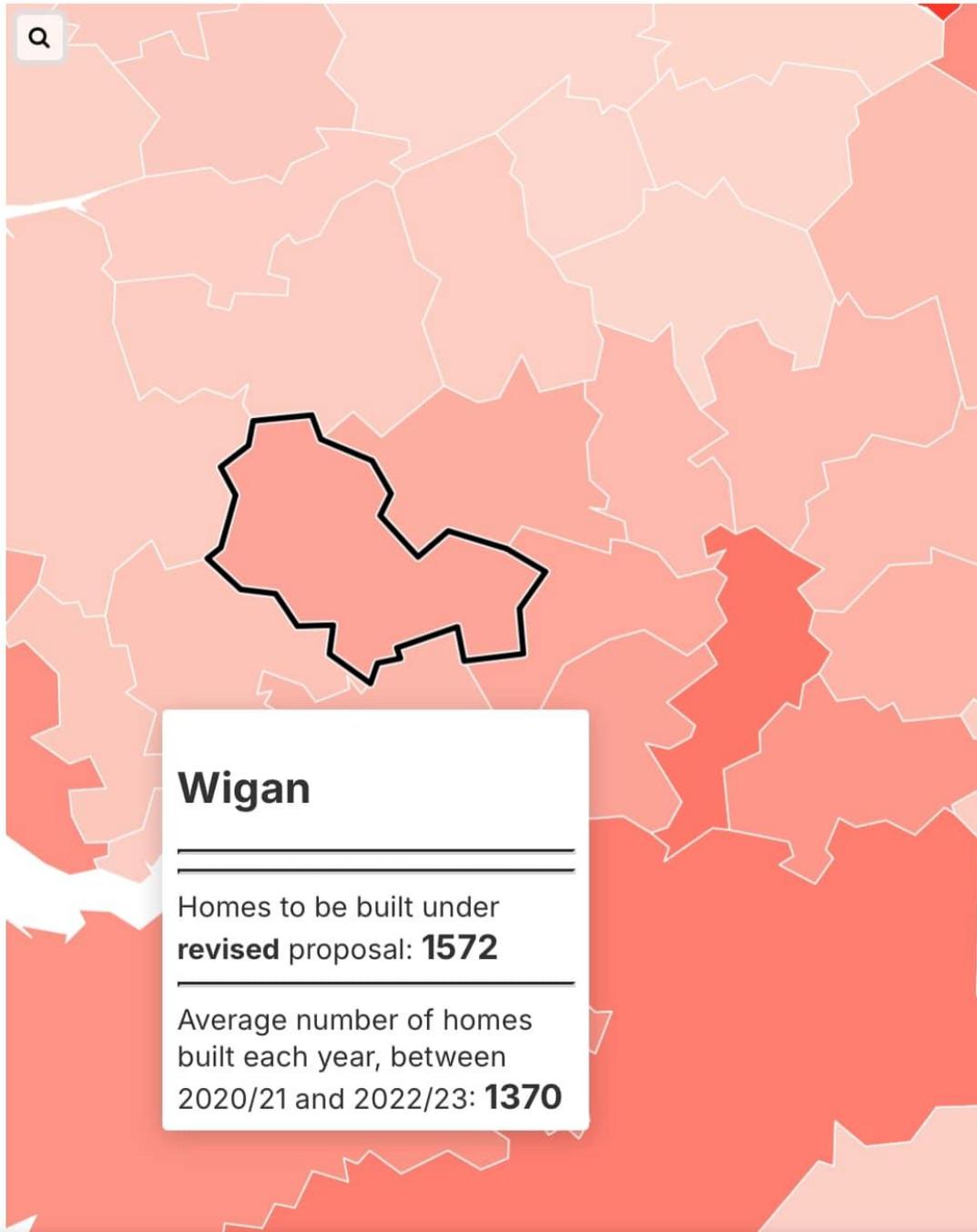
There is also land safeguarded for development with planning applications currently in the planning system, including Ludin Lane and off Pepper Lane.

There are housing policies in Standish Neighbourhood Plan to limit new housing, but one policy preventing short term development on our remaining safeguarding land has now fallen as it was based on benchmark of housing being built out, which has now been surpassed.

Standish Voice has raised all these questions with Wigan Council but we will need to wait until the national planning policy is confirmed so we can know how to respond.

See the proposals here: <https://tinyurl.com/2bxmyvm4>. The image is the proposed new

housing target for Wigan.



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