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May 3rd 2013

Dear Sir,

S.L.D.C. Land Development Plan R121M-mod (Kendal)

We understand that in connection with the above plan, a consultancy firm AECOM, who have been employed by SLDC, have endorsed the views of Cumbria County Council, which are to have two access roads to the proposed new development to the south and east of Oak Tree Road and Rowan Tree Crescent. One road would be a new road with a 90 degree junction on to the A684 Castle Green Road, and the other would be to remove the cul-de-sac at the southern end of Oak Tree Road and make it a through road into the proposed new development., but with a very sharp bend at the entrance to the new development.

AECOM comments include a reference to the "straight nature" of Oak Tree Road, and they have included several photographs of Oak Tree Road which are frankly misleading. Had the consultants bothered to visit Oak Tree Road, they would see that the entrance to Oak Tree Road from Castle Green Road is steep, narrow and highly dangerous, especially in adverse weather conditions. Furthermore, there is an almost blind bend outside our property, and a similar blind bend on Rowan Tree Crescent.

The width of Oak Tree Road is only 4.8 metres, but even less at 4.25 metres on Rowan Tree Crescent. There is very little room for vehicles to pass, especially when several residents perceive the need to park on the pavement. The volume of traffic generated by the proposed 60 additional houses would more than double the volume of traffic and traffic problems caused by the current 53 properties on Oak Tree Road and Rowan Tree Crescent.

In summary, we believe that Oak Tree Road and Rowan Tree Crescent are too narrow and badly designed to take any more traffic than they do now, and should not be used as an access road into the new development. Highways and access are of course only part of our objections, and cannot be taken in isolation from the loss of beautiful landscape, the drainage and flooding issues, and the risks to the biodiversity, including the great crested newt colony.

Yours faithfully,



Mr.N.C. Little and Mrs.S.A.Little

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*Thank you.*