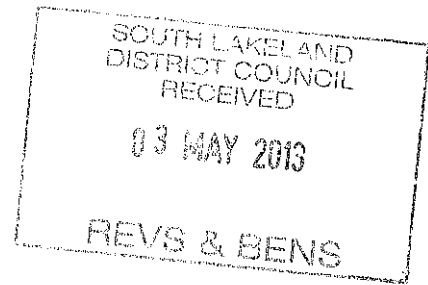


1st May 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

Re:-LAND DEVELOPMENT R121M-mod(KENDAL)



I am rather concerned about the above proposed development plan. A previous application to build on the above area was refused. Rightly so. So why propose again?

There are a number of issues that are of some serious concern regarding this proposed development.

1. The size of the development seems rather excessive for the area marked out. Is it viable to have that many dwellings on an area that size?
2. At a time when we are supposed to be looking after the environment and re-cycling etc. Here is a proposal to destroy the environment. This area is not only enjoyed and appreciated by the residents around the proposed planning area, but also by other residents who reside in other parts of Kendal and outside Kendal. The area in question is an area of beauty and is visited by bird watchers, nature lovers and ramblers regularly. Why take it away? There has also been sighting of the Great Crested Newt in this area, and they are a protected species.
3. Flooding is also a main concern of mine. My family and I live on Oak Tree Road, and there is a real threat of flooding here and to other dwellings elsewhere if any building takes place. The area in question can get very wet. There are streams that run across the area, and the fields have flooded on a number of occasions during periods of wet weather. Some residents of Oak Tree Road whose gardens back onto the proposed site have had their gardens flooded due to this. Where is all the excess water going to go if building takes places? Into our homes. We will hold you accountable if this happens.

Another issue which extremely concerns me is the fact that you are considering using Oak Tree Road as an access road onto this proposed development. This would not be possible due to a number of factors.

1. The road is too narrow. An example of this is my husband had a bad accident a few weeks ago and was left lying in the road, he could not move. I lady drove up to him in a car and was unable to pass. You have taken photographs of the road but these are misleading.
2. Steepness and angle of north facing exit onto A684.
3. Due to the bottom of the road being so steep and at an angle cars are unable to drive up or down during adverse weather conditions such as ice, frost or snow. It's too dangerous.
4. Access onto R56 was disregarded by the developers and Inspector in 1999, and did not feature as such in the Atkins Report 1999.

5. Unviability for two way traffic.
6. The cul-de-sac at the top of Oak Tree Road faces the wrong way and a 180 degree loop would be required over R56 and R141 to gain access onto R121.
7. A number of blind bends on the estate make it difficult to see if the road is clear.
8. Increased volume of traffic would cause problems for everyone.
9. The road is inaccessible for construction vehicles.
10. Some households have more than one vehicle. This can be down to work commitments, having extended family living on the premises, plus a number of other reasons. It's because of this they need to park their vehicles on the road. It would be unfair to discriminate if yellow lines are painted on the estate. Where would they park their cars, and where would visitors park.

I grew up on Oak Tree Road and I remember as a child playing outside and riding my bike around the estate. I felt happy and safe doing so. This is one of the main reasons I moved back onto the estate. I have a young son now, and I would like him to be able to do the same. If this road is used as an access road this safety is compromised. There are other families on the estate who feel the same about their children. Plus the elderly residents are at greater risk of being knocked over.

Overall I feel that this development should not go ahead, as some serious problems can arise from it. There are already lots of empty developments in Kendal and the surrounding area. I feel more of an effect should be made to fill these instead of building further and destroying this cultural and historical landscape.

I hope you take into account all my points.

PLEASE DON'T BUILD ON THIS LAND

PLEASE DON'T USE OAK TREE ROAD AS ACCESS

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Lesley Blackstone

