



2nd May 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: - Land Development R121M-MOD(KENDAL)

I would like to express my concerns regarding the above proposed development.

If this project gets the go ahead it will be tragic, as a number of problems will arise because of it.

Firstly my main concern is the risk of flooding to houses on Oak Tree Road and other properties along Sedbergh Road and Castle Green Lane.

The area marked out for the development is prone to flooding during wet weather and has flooded on a number of occasions. In fact it is getting more frequent as we are experiencing more severe weather conditions due to climate change. More of a reason not to destroy the environment by building on it.

If houses are built in this area where is the excess water going to go? Into people's houses. I attended a meeting at Castle Park School a couple of years ago where residents could air their views on the matter. When a council representative was asked whether the council would be accountable for any flooding, he could not answer it. However if any properties are flooded due to the result of this development we will all hold you accountable for it.

It has also been mentioned that Oak Tree Road would be used as an access route onto the new development. This is not viable as the road is too narrow, too steep at the bottom and has a number of blind bends. In severe weather conditions it is hard to negotiate and traffic is unable to travel up and down the road, especially in ice, frost and snow.

I had an accident a couple of weeks ago and ended up lying in the road, I could not move, no one could pass me in a car. You have taken photographs of our road in relation to the width. These are not an accurate representation. It is too narrow for the increased traffic load and definitely not wide enough for any construction vehicles to travel up.

I heard also that double yellow lines might have to be painted on Oak Tree Road. Some houses have more than one vehicle. It's a necessity rather than a luxury. This is due to different family members having to commute to work in different places, people doing shift work and extended families living in the same property. They are parked on the road because there is nowhere else to park them. Lines cannot be painted, where shall they park the cars then, and where would visitors park.

The cul-de-sac at the top of Oak Tree Road also faces the wrong way. A 180 degree loop would be required to access the proposed development site. Possible access was disregarded by developers and Inspector in 1999 and did not feature as such in the Aitkens Report in 2009.

I have a young son and he enjoys riding his bicycle around the estate. If Oak Tree Road was made an access route he would not be able to do this. It would be too dangerous. Please don't take this away from him. This applies to other children on the estate as well.

If the project is given the go ahead it would be a tragedy. The area proposed for development is the home to a vast array of wildlife, including the Great Crested Newt, which is a protected species. We should be looking after our environment not destroying it.

Once it's gone it's gone. There is no going back.

PLEASE DON'T BUILD HERE

PLEASE DON'T USE OAK TREE ROAD AS AN ACCESS ROUTE

Yours sincerely

A solid yellow rectangular box used to redact the signature of Mr Jason Blackstone.

Mr Jason Blackstone