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Please reply to our office in: **Kendal**

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Mr D Hudson: The Development Strategy Manager  
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Dear Mr Hudson

**South Lakeland Local Development Framework – Land Allocations Development Plan Document  
Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications to the DPD**

I am writing to you in connection with the above and specifically in relation to Main Modification 11 relating to the strategic employment site E4M.

Your modification is a proposal to insert the following sentence:

*“Taking into account landscaping, biodiversity mitigation and green infrastructure requirements a net developable area of 11 hectares has been applied to the site.”*

It has been inserted to provide necessary clarification.

I am not sure what clarification was necessary because there are a series of factors which will influence the overall development of the site and a Planning Brief is called for. It seems to me that to impose a specific hectareage of the developable area without having the benefit of the Planning Brief documents is simply to impose a constraint which is unnecessary.

Kendal has suffered from a lack of employment land and has also found it hard to provide sites. There should be no arbitrary decision made which might result in the wasting of any available land.

As we have previously said to you on a number of occasions there is land outside the allocated site in the same ownership which is available for landscaping, and at the time of the Planning Brief it will be possible to work out exactly what can or cannot be achieved on the site. The 11 hectares does not actually clarify anything but adds to uncertainty because it has not been based on any proper assessment of what can or cannot be achieved on the site.

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I hope therefore that you will be able to insert some other wording which is not prescriptive as to size of developable site area but leaves matters to be resolved via the Planning Brief.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Barden', is centered on a light gray rectangular background.

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