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To: Development Plans
Subject: Fwd: FAO Mr Simon Berkeley BA MA MRTPI. Ref:- MM02

Comments must relate only to the published updated Schedule of Main Modifications (quoting the main modification reference number).

MM02

Sir,

I would like to take a moment of your time to put forward my view's,along with many from the local area,regarding the recent confirmation and amendments of land allocation for housing in the south lakes.

This particular correspondence relates to :-

Aikrigg field plot :- RN117M

I live at the head of the cul-de-sac, Yealand Drive, which has been ear marked as access for the new site, and possible exit from it.

The road in question is adjacent to a window of mine, approximately 5 feet away. This will cause immense noise and pollution. And somewhat lack of privacy to my living room.

My wife and I have lived in our home for almost 15 years now. We worked and saved very hard when we were young, missing out on a lot of the normal 'young persons' adventures, to be able to afford this house. It has taken us time to get the property as we wanted, along with raising 2 children, who are also going to be affected by these plans. A major factor in purchasing this house was the location and the sense of openness in the cul-de-sac. When we sit in the back garden, you feel it could anywhere in the countryside, peaceful and relaxing. I know you don't have a right to a view, but you are more than welcome to join us, have a drink in our back garden, and take in the views toward the mountains of the Lake District.

All the boxes that were ticked for my Wife and I when we decided to take the plunge and save hard and long, will be lost on allocation of this land. These points were made to the council by many locals, but seemed to have fallen on deaf ear's.

The councils attitude during all of the allocation process has been, to put it mildly, one of utter defiance to the public's opinions. I sat in on a couple of the council meeting's discussing these plans, and the views of a lot of the locals that were affected by all the planned new sites in town were ignored. It seemed to me that most of the sites allocated were a 'done deal'.

This plea to think again about the plans for the site at the rear of my home may also fall on deaf ears, I just hope that you take the time to consider what I have said and allow this green patch between valley drive and the Archers meadow estate over the Aikrigg fields to remain and give the feeling of openness, that is so seldom seen in the town now. If you find in favour of the council, at least make the suggestion that the access to the new estate needs to be reconsidered, due to certain conditions that existing residents who have lived here and raised a family here will suffer.

If you have visited the town of Kendal, and been escorted around, you will no doubt have witnessed existing sites that have been left unfinished, surely these are ideal to revamp and make a start on the affordable homes required.

Apologies for the rant, but we feel as a Family, very strong about the new plans.

Regards

Mr D. Leather