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To: The Development Plan Manager

3 May 2013

Dear Sir,

Land Development on R121M-mod

AECOM have come in to this at a very late stage and been given significant influence to make a judgement on a most sensitive issue, of great importance to local people, regarding a greenfield site which is highly attractive in landscape value. As Judge, if not Judge and Jury, they need to demonstrate a proper understanding of the issues. They need to demonstrate credentials.

They are clearly in it for the money, not because they have any profound interest in building houses or protecting countryside. They have no expertise in such matters, as they are principally associated with large prestigious and technically challenging projects in major cities. Just look at their website for evidence of this. There is no technical challenge on R121M. So, have they demonstrated considered opinion in these matters? No!

For example, they have merely endorsed what CCC have said. CCC refer to Castle Green Road and the A65, whereas it is Castle Green Lane and the A684. The original mistake was made by somebody who was doing a job without thought or concentration on the subject, somebody who had not researched the site. AECOM have made the same careless error, in endorsing this. How can we who care very much about despoilation of green fields have any confidence in these views? At best, AECOM have made one perfunctory visit to the site, which is hidden away in the wilds of Cumbria and therefore unworthy of their concern.

AECOM have said absolutely nothing in their "comments" that CCC and SLDC had not already considered. The facts remain. This site is beautiful landscape, home to a population of GC newts, elevated and highly visible, expensive to develop, of sloping gradient, with difficult access, and unaffordable for "affordable" housing. AECOM have been paid to rubber stamp the development proposals, but the proposals are still wholly destructive.

Please don't persist with this. There are brownfield sites in Kendal, and many unoccupied or underoccupied homes. There should be no green field building.

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