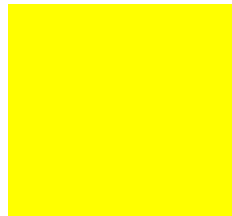


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To: Mr. Dan Hudson, Devt. Strategy & Housing Mgr. ✓

Copy to Simon Berkeley, Planning Inspector



18 August 2013

Dear Sir,

R121M

I refer to your letter of 24 July, to Mr Austen Robinson. Your letter was discussed at a recent meeting of SOLEK. We are concerned to save the landscape of East Kendal.

I appreciate that the matter is now in the hands of the Inspector. Nevertheless I feel the need once again to state our case, because this has gone on for so long that we need to show determination to reinforce our resolve. Yes, the process is tedious, but we feel so strongly that we will persist.

I once again invite you to consider the removal of site R121M from your proposals. The principle of localism suggests that, if an overwhelming majority of local people strongly express opposition to a proposal, that objection should be respected.

For R121, the key policy LA2.3 requires effective mitigation of landscape impact. It is impossible to reduce landscape damage to such a prominent site, a site which is elevated above the valley, and which is visible from large parts of Kendal.

Other matters concerning transport and drainage problems can be mitigated at considerable cost. The purpose of the whole exercise is to provide affordable housing and with extra costs this will not be possible.

The habitat of the Great Crested Newts includes the whole of R121 and the access field from the main road. The newts spend half the year in the pond and half in the field and walls. No mitigation of damage to this habitat is possible. The newts regularly travel up to 300m from the pond in their annual relocation to their wintering walls.

Please reconsider this site. It is wholly inappropriate for housing. There is ample scope for new affordable homes on brownfield sites in Kendal.

Yours faithfully,

Richard Evans

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