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Re Development Proposals for Warton
Land off Sand Lane
Site W92 and Site W93

Development on this site, in both versions, is completely inappropriate. Additional traffic on this already very busy road to Silverdale and ingress and egress to the site would be horrendous. For pedestrians walking on Sand Lane it would be even more hazardous than at present. In addition to the local people there are a number of visitors to the area who will walk down Sand Lane and out to the shore to see the birds there. If you look at the RSPB website you will realise that this is an area of international significance where up to half a million birds over-winter.

This site, together with other the sites selected for development, would mean thousands more vehicles using Sand Lane and access to Carnforth would become even more congested. The services and infrastructure needed to support a larger community are not available (schools, doctors surgery, we don't even have a local shop, etc.). Warton would resemble a town not a small village in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

We came to live here 11 years ago. Our home was carefully chosen and we even paid far more than we could truly afford to have the privilege of living here. Our home is elevated from the field it overlooks. The wall down to field level is approximately 4.5 to 5.00 metres high and is made of stone and it is over one hundred years old (it formed the part of the wall around the old Warton Grange site and was preserved when the redevelopment took place to build Hutton Gardens and is appropriate to the character of Hutton Gardens). The development plan comes right up to this wall and it fills us with fear to think of the damage and potential to undermine the structure and foundations of this high wall and also even our property if building work were to take place in such close proximity. Because of the elevated position of house, and similarly so for the properties on either side of us, we would probably be looking directly into rooms at bedroom level from our garden. There would be no privacy whatsoever for anyone. The joy of coming to live in an AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY has the potential of developing into a nightmare.

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