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The Development Strategy Manager
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Dear Sir

Re Land Allocation Development Plan : **Site 163M Broughton in Furness**

We would like to state our objection to the above proposed development site which borders on our property. We take it that the boundary to site R163M is intended to run along the existing property boundary. It is inaccurately drawn – part of the red line is in fact drawn over our garage, the path alongside it and our drive.

Our objections are:

1. The loss of a beautiful open space. By extending the built-up area of the village into open countryside it will spoil the character of the landscape. Loss of amenity.
2. The site is not an “infill” site. The notes say that it is surrounded on three sides by houses, but this is misleading. There is housing along part of the north western edge and part of the north-north easterly edge only. It is a large grazing field: the start of open countryside. Our house was built on a disused industrial site (dilapidated workshops), not on a Greenfield site.
3. Water-run off. At present there is a substantial water run-off due to the sloping nature of the field and the thin depth of soil above bedrock, which during heavy downpours runs onto our driveway and then down onto Foxfield Road where it collects. Victoria Cottage has occasional flooding of their garage. We are concerned that a housing development is likely to exacerbate water run-off, and worsen flooding of our property. Parts of Site R163M are very boggy in wet weather.
4. Northern end of site: this end is relatively low lying – likely to present difficulties with running drainage (would need pumping uphill?). Northern end of site is also a long way from the access gate (on site 186) therefore difficult to access village for those less mobile.
5. Our quality of life would be considerably affected by the scheme which would spoil our surroundings: open spaces add greatly to the pleasure of living in a village.

In sum, we feel that the site is an important piece of open countryside that would be ruined by large-scale development: it should be preserved as an open grazing area.

Yours Faithfully,



Mr Michael Berry

Mrs Kathryn Berry