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We wish to register our views in the current public planning exercise. We have lived in Kirkby Lonsdale for 37years, as medical practitioners, and brought up 4 children here. We now have 6 grandchildren in the area.

1. We would like to see more affordable housing, built to a high standard. We are well aware how difficult it is for young people to stay in the area, and we want to live in a mixed community, which includes plenty of young families with children, and others who cannot afford the full house prices here. One of our sons teaches at QES, and his only hope of staying here is affordable housing. Many of our friends have families in the same position, and like them we do not want a community unnaturally skewed towards an aging population, or with too many second homes.

2. We live right opposite the ill-thought through Biggins Road development. We are strongly supporting moves to persuade the developers Russell-Armer of a need for a path through this estate, connecting Biggins Lane to Booths, the car parks, the bus-stops and the Health

Centre: thus opening up an obvious link to the community, and stopping the development from being another ghetto. This should have happened with Abbotsgate, too, through to Fairgarth Drive and to Queen's Square.

Instead, we have a lack of strategic town planning, giving the impression of cramming in as much as possible, and with no attempt to produce a cohesion of walkways through the community.

(Incidentally, we are also saddled with inappropriate pretentious names: in the case of 'Master's Grange', letting us know the original site was a school playing field, even though the builder denied this).

The track record of planning and development in Kirkby Lonsdale over the last 30 years does not give us any confidence that proposed future developments will take account of the needs within this community. We would like to be sure that before estates are built to the west of QES and Harling Bank that there is proper planning of the infrastructure of roads and pathways to enhance the integration of the community.

Thankyou for asking us to contribute our views, and for carefully considering them, we appreciate the opportunity, kind regards, yours sincerely, Drs Tim and Jane Burnett