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To: Development Plans
Cc: David Huggett; Howard Martin; Fred Hampson
Subject: LDF Cartmel

Dear Sir/ Madam

The Cartmel Old Grammar Foundation is a charity which is the direct successor to the Charities that were deeded or purchased lands at Cartmel known as Middlefield's, Clarks Closes and Berwick's Tenements in or around 1692. I am the current Clerk to the Governors.

We are required by Charity Law to maximise any potential value from our assets.

I have been instructed by the Governors to draw your attention to the fact that the Foundation submitted details of our land holdings in the Cartmel area some years ago in response to your Authorities request for sites for affordable housing; we also sought planning permission for the conversion of the Birkby Barn(before the building of the controversial Pastures retirement village). This conversion was refused on appeal on grounds which I understand would not now be valid. The building is now in a poor state of repair and may have to be demolished to reduce the potential liability of the charity.

I would also point out that we are the owners of one of the sites proposed by the Steeplechase Company as a possible location for the replacement stables.

Therefore I would again submit all of our holdings for potential development.

- 1 In particular I would find it inconceivable that the portion of Clarks Closes fronting the road running from the Headless Cross to the Square between the current houses could not accommodate housing without adversely affecting the views and ambiance of the village. Assuming of course sensitive design and grading to bring them below the sky line.
- 2 I find it inconceivable that the Birkby Barn with say 0.3 of an acre of Berwick's Tenement is not suitable for development either for light industrial or commercial use rather than the likelihood of falling into disrepair.
- 3 We would not, in principle, be unwilling to that part of Middlefield's used for horsebox parking that extends from the cemetery fence to the house wall.

I will be available on Tuesday 5 April at the Victoria Hall Grange to identify these holdings on your large scale maps.

Yours faithfully

A W Coles - Clerk to the Governors of the Cartmel Old Grammar School
Foundation