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I just wanted to say that I generally think it is important to provide affordable housing for people in this area. I have recently moved to Grange and we were fortunate to have enough equity in our house to afford a flat here. However, it must be so difficult for younger people and I think we shouldn't let Grange get ever older until it is just one big retirement village! We should think about others, too.

I like the plans for Berners Close too as it sounds like it will help to move Grange on. Progress has to come sometime. If Booths come, that may be good for Grange. I used to live in Cockermouth and people were worried about Sainsburys coming, but it still had a thriving high street when we left in October. It actually brought people into the town. On the other hand, I also want to add that Cockermouth built so many houses while we were there, that traffic jams became commonplace and services were stretched. 500 houses is nothing like on the scale of the building in Cockermouth, most of which was not affordable housing. However, I think you should have a good plan for traffic management, as the centre will get more clogged up and people will keep coming down the hill in their cars and will need parking. Also, think about the affect on the doctors etc, although this may be improved by the impending new health centre. Queues may get longer in the post office and shops.

Thank you for this opportunity to have my say,
from Helen Douglas

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