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ARMSIDE AND SILVERDALE AONB (DPD)

DEAR SIR

MY WIFE AND I ARE NOW IN OUR 80th YEAR, ARE "COMPUTER" ILLITERATE AND HAVE NO ACCESS TO WEBSITES ETC, HENCE THE NEED TO WRITE.

Quite simply, AN A.O.N.B. SHOULD REMAIN AS SUCH AND, IF ANYTHING AND IF POSSIBLE, IMPROVED UPON NOT DESECRATED BY A MONSTROUS "MANAGEMENT" PLAN WHICH WILL NOT ONLY CHANGE THE LANDSCAPE BUT THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE. THE CLUE IS IN THE DESIGNATION - AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY - NOT IN WHAT MAN MAY BUILD. WARTON IS A SEMI-RURAL VILLAGE SURROUNDED BY GREEN FIELDS AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED RIFE FOR DEVELOPMENT SUCH AS THIS. THEY SHOULD REMAIN AS "IMPORTANT OPEN SPACES" PARTICULARLY THOSE REFERENCED W 87 | 88 | 89 | 92 | 93 | 95.

IN RECENT YEARS, WARTON HAS <sup>HAD</sup> ITS SHARE OF DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY THE SAND LANE VICINITY E.G. THE HUTTON GARDENS PROJECT ON THE SITE OF THE FORMER WARTON CRANES, THE TOWN END FOLD DEVELOPMENTS ON THE SITE OF THE HORSE STABLES. NOW, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, 3 PLANNING APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED <sup>RECENTLY</sup> I.E.

3 HOUSES BEHIND NO. 49, MAIN ST. 24 HOUSES AT TOWN END FARM PLUS THE SITE OPPOSITE KINGDOM HALL. THERE IS ALSO THE POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF LAND - SCOUT CRAG (CRAGS) BY HOLGATES.

(THE LAST REFERENCE MAY OR MAY NOT BE FACT)

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

Warton is not equipped to deal with an increased population and even more traffic. Infrastructure is minimal - no retail outlets, no petrol station, no surgery, no dental practice, an inadequate primary school and an inadequate road system for this day and age.

There are current problems which are constantly ignored by the appropriate bodies which are responsible, and any development would exacerbate an already worsening situation. For example :-

1. Gutter drains are blocked which causes flooding
2. Flooding effects, in particular, the Sand Lane, Mill Lane and Main St Junction. As much water emerges through the road surface as descends from the skies. The surface is a disaster and dangerous for motorists and pedestrians. The volume of traffic through this junction only makes matters worse.
3. a) Main St and Mill Lane and even Sand Lane are too narrow to cope with today's traffic. In places two vehicles cannot pass each other without one giving way. Primarily, this occurs on the road between Kingdon Hall and Westbourne Rd and from the Malt Shovel Public House to Borewell Lane.
- b) The footpath - the only footpath between Kingdon and Westbourne) is so narrow that two people cannot walk side by side or, if facing each other, one has to step into the road.

THE ORIGINAL FOOTPATH IS APPROX 3' 0" WIDE BUT, BECAUSE THE OVERGROWN HERB AND THE PROLIFERATION OF WEEDS THE WIDTH IS REDUCED TO APPROX 21" IN PARTS.

IF THESE MUNDANE ISSUES CANNOT BE ATTENDED TO AT PRESENT ANY INCREASE IN POPULATION AND TRAFFIC WOULD BE DIRE, DISASTEROUS AND DAMAGING.

THIS PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IS ILL-CONCEIVED AND UNNECESSARY BEARING IN MIND ALSO THE 3, POSSIBLY 4, PLANNING APPLICATIONS ALREADY UNDER CONSIDERATION

Yours faithfully

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P.S HAS CONSIDERATION BEEN GIVEN TO THE USE OF THE LAND OF THE FORMER BUS COMPANY AT MILL HEAD WHICH IS NOW NOT USED?

P.P.S, PLEASE RECORD OUR OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSALS.