

To: Strategy Manager  
South Lakes Planning  
Lowther Street Kendal



From: Richard Evans



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**Re R121M**

Dear Sir,

**National Planning Policy Framework applied to Development Plan Document**

The NPPF confirms the importance of maintaining quality of life for future generations and of empowering local people to shape their surroundings. Planning should protect valued landscapes and biodiversity. Planners should listen to the people.

1. The Town Council oppose the use of R121M.
2. Friends of the Lakes District consider that R121M is inappropriate for development.
3. The Taylor Review deplores unfettered expansion of small market towns.
4. Local people are overwhelmingly and vociferously opposed to developing R121M.
5. NPPF recognises that **undeveloped** R121M performs many vital functions.
6. NPPF restricts development to land of lesser environmental value than R121M.
7. NPPF provides for special protection of local communities' valued greenspace.
8. NPPF should be collective, creative and inclusive of community concerns.
9. NPPF supports only sustainable development, with change for the better.
10. NPPF demands due consideration of access, disturbance, drainage and landscape.

The allocation of many of the sites within the Development Plan does not conform to these NPPF and other criteria. Many paragraphs in the NPPF are contravened by the inclusion of certain sites in the Development Plan, and of these sites R121M is the most inappropriate of all.

There is partial conformity of the DPD with the NPPF, but only for some of the proposed sites and certainly not for green fields on the edge of small market towns.

Yours faithfully,



Richard Evans