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South Lakeland District Council  
Lowther Street  
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Dear Sirs

**Re Land Allocations Development Plan Document – Site Reference R130**

I have been given to understand that the field marked with the above reference has been identified as being appropriate for future residential development.

The field is bordered on one side by mature trees and on the other by Dragley Beck.

The levels of the beck vary enormously dependant on weather conditions.

The depth of the water can go from a few inches to over three feet deep in a matter of hours. At this point it becomes a raging torrent carrying debris(Logs of wood over a foot in diameter come down occasionally). When it rains heavily, the amount of water flowing down the beck causes the beck to change it course and cut across the field causing a flood plain across the field. This allows some of force to dissipate. Without this, the beck would surely flood in this area causing extensive damage to houses. I am sure you will be aware of the recent flooding of the beck in the Morecambe Road and South Ulverston areas.

The bridge at Dragley Beck is quite low and I have seen the water almost to the top. If the volume of water was to increase due to the lack of a flood plain, and the water rose to reach the top of the bridge, then it would then cause the beck to spill out sideways and flood properties.

I also consider access to this site to be an issue of concern. The only available access is onto Springfield Road at the bottom of the “Big Dipper”. This is an area of poor visibility for any traffic as it is in a dip and bends at both ends after a short slope. This part of the road also floods regularly when it rains heavily.

Finally I understand that planning permission has been applied for in the past and was declined. I cannot see that conditions have changed since then.

I would therefore urge you to cancel this site from your plans as a possible development area for residential properties.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Nadine Newby