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## Land Allocations Consultation - Natland

I am writing regarding the planning proposals for Natland. I am concerned that this small village, originally a farming community is changing significantly through the present house building on the site of the Holmes Garden Nursery and the various proposals for building a significant number of new homes in the village.

Building a large number of new houses in Natland will alter the village significantly, bringing in more traffic on the roads and lanes into Natland and providing an increasingly suburban feel to the village as the volume housebuilders seek to maximise profit by building large houses on small plots.

RN256 and ON51 I specifically oppose the building of houses and a car park in this area as it will alter considerably the character of this part of the village and introduce an estate like development instead. I do not see that there is a need for a car park. There is adequate parking for the school run and for village hall activities. Instead I think that the council should be encouraging more walking and cycling by providing a dedicated cycle lane on the Natland to Kendal road, making it safer for adults and children to walk and cycle into Kendal.

At present the drive from Kendal to Natland is of outstanding beauty and Natland is a very attractive village. Both these aspects are worth protecting and building a housing estate to the north of Natland will have a significant negative impact.

RN303 I object to this large area being proposed for housing. It will connect Natland with Oxenholme and will be a very large area of new development totally out of keeping with the seemingly piecemeal nature of development in the village so far, which has helped Natland to retain its unique village feel. The size of this development will put a considerable strain on the roads and lanes into Natland, which are currently struggling to cope with the volume of traffic.

R680 I would like to see the proposed number houses on this stretch of lane reduced so that the boundary of the village ends at the same point or before the existing houses on the north side of the lane.

Time Span I oppose a reduction in the timescale of the land allocations document. Development of housing needs to be done in a measured way over a significant timescale. The reduction in the timescale means that future development schemes may be rushed through without enough time for communities and residents to assess and decide on what they want for the future. These present proposals are significant and far reaching as it is.

Finally I would like to make some general points about planning. With the loss of the garden nursery the village lost a valuable resource and source of employment within the village. I would like to see the political will by the council to encourage local employment opportunities and to provide allotments and other green spaces alongside any housing development. This would help considerably to keep Natland feeling like the rural village that it is, encouraging social cohesion.

I would appreciate you keeping me informed of the process of planning and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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