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I am against the inclusion of the additional site RN279 to the south of Barnrigg road on the following grounds:

a) the Village Plan of March 2011 did not include the site now referred to as RN279 as a possible residential site (the preparation of the Plan was a real "Big Society" exercise involving as it did 84% of the 116 homes in the parish - through a village wide survey and subsequent discussions) .

b) that the inadequate access through the 4m wide alleyway at the south end of Barnrigg, which is nothing more than driveway width, would not allow for more than one or two houses (and that only if the village gas supply under the alleyway could be relocated - at whose expense and to where?). Any more houses and the access width would be inadequate for service vehicles (ambulances and fire vehicles too).

c) if only one or two houses were built by a developer this would mean the density on this 0.5 hectare site might be seen as unacceptably low for sustainability reasons.

d) the building of more large houses within the village goes against the Village Plan as that also emphasised the real local need was for less expensive houses to be built - for local low income families and local elderly people. This site because of access problems is unsuitable for that

e) it should be noted that there will be some problems in parts of the site, if development of this very flat site goes ahead. This is due to the seepage of water from the steeply rising ground to the east - this whole part of Barbon is naturally ill drained because of the lie of the land - in some parts accentuated by the underlying geology.

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