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Dear Sirs,

Further to the comments I made in the previous Allocation discussions I should like you to consider the following points in the land proposals for Ackenthwaite and Milnthorpe before making any decisions.

The opening of the New Booths store in Milnthorpe in 2012 will likely result in an increase of the following:-

1) Vehicular traffic - there will be an increase of traffic from the outlying villages like Holme, Crooklands, Woodhouse, Whasset etc to Booths which will impinge directly on Ackenthwaite as well as local traffic without any further development in Ackenthwaite. This will be exacerbated if further development takes place.

2) Pedestrian traffic - The access into Milnthorpe from Ackenthwaite is via a very narrow pavement at the crest of the hill on Main Street. This pavement is made even narrower in August/September due to a householder not trimming their hedge. At busy times it is impossible for large vehicles like buses and lorries to pass at this crest and vehicles sometimes mount the already narrow pavement to pass making it even more dangerous for pedestrians. Any increase in pedestrian traffic through further development in Ackenthwaite will exacerbate this problem. At school times a large number of buses as well as pedestrians use this stretch of road for access.

3) Parking - with the increase of parking restrictions in Milnthorpe vehicles are parking nearer the crest of the hill on Main Street (especially Market Days) increasing the problems of this bottleneck already highlighted.

Ackenthwaite proposed land

RN323, R138 and RN305 are active farmland giving holding access to the farm.

R98 and RN43 are active farmland.

R471 is the only genuine infill land.

R656 could be a suitable level site, but has poor access.

RN281 has poor access.

Access via RN42 to R642M would put further vehicular pressure on the already dangerous mini-roundabout at the junction of B6385 and B6384 in Ackenthwaite.

The speed of traffic approaching this roundabout from all directions is a constant problem due to the clear line of site to the roundabout.

The sites decided for Milnthorpe and Ackenthwaite in the previous consultation offer the most sensible options due to the ease of safe access from the A6. Also they give much safer access for pedestrians into Milnthorpe due to the wider pavements. A properly designed entrance to the housing in R151M and R462 would give a much better visual approach to Milnthorpe from Beetham on the A6. At the moment it is marred by a mixed array of housing of no particular style. This would give a much safer access to R462M than from RN42. A similar well designed balanced access to RN318 on the west side of the A6 would further enhance the approach to Milnthorpe.

I hope these comments are considered in your discussions.

Yours faithfully,

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