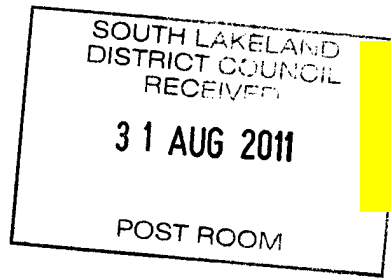


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R124#



23 August 2011

Dear Dan Hudson,

I should like SLDC to consider very seriously again whether it is, in fact, appropriate to develop site R124#.

I responded in February 2009 along similar lines to those set out below, but feel even more committed in my objection.

There may well seem to be a certain logic to an extension of the Sandylands Estate, but you have already recognised the problems – some of which may well not be surmountable

Summary of objections:

- Drainage and the increased risk of flooding.
- The speed and volume of the run-off will be considerable.
- The current drainage behind the roads concerned seems to be stretched even now – with small ponds being formed in times of heavy rain – at the bottom of the fields involved.
- The good work that has been carried out with the Stock Beck scheme should not be compromised and undermined in any way by encouraging additional run-off
- The development on Jenkin Crag Court required attenuation tanks to be built to stem the flows from this area. And, I believe, development is currently being seriously delayed on another part of the estate.
- An open stream currently flows freely from the other, flatter end of R124 and then goes underground through the Sandylands Estate into Stock Beck.
- How realistically viable is any attempt to take sufficient volumes of water northwards to the River Mint? And how likely is that river to have its effectiveness compromised and flooding risks unacceptably compromised?
- During the heavy rains in Autumn 2008 considerable pressure was already being put on the system, and there was anxiety that the holding reservoir would be breached
- Look at the number of water sources in R124!
- Adverse impact on the landscape.
- The nature and wildlife in the area, especially by the southern edge of the site.
- The traffic on Peat Lane would be impossible – speed, volume and congestion, and impossible to mitigate against effectively.
- Access onto the site could only be via the top of Peat Lane, so would be totally unsafe from a Highways point of view.
- Loss of recognised good grazing land and farm viability.
- Reduction in recreational opportunities, especially for locals
- Loss of accessibility of the countryside contrary to government initiatives re well-being and healthy living.

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- Loss of a potential wildlife study area for primary school pupils.
- Negative visual impact from the railway.
- Planning appeal to build on the southern part of the site rejected in the 1990's

I would have to commend the decision taken by SLDC not to put this site forward as a likely site for development, and I would urge them to do the same again now.

NO development on the eastern side of Kendal should be envisaged – flooding drainage and Stock Beck!

Yours sincerely,



Austen Robinson – Town Councillor (Castle Ward)

