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Development Plans Manager  
South Lakeland District Council  
Lowther Street  
KENDAL  
LA9 4DL



Dear Sir,

Re: Plot RN279, Barnriggs, Barbon

I am writing to object the above numbered plot being considered for development in the Land Allocation Consultation.

The only access to this site is a very narrow strip of land between two existing houses. Traffic entering this strip of land cannot see the other end which will cause endless difficulties for vehicles entering and leaving this site. Emergency vehicles would have great difficulty gaining access.

In addition this size of development, up to 24 houses, is not needed in Barbon. A recent Parish consultation showed that the only need for housing was for 2 low-cost homes. This site will not meet this need. Barbon is not a stagnant village. In the last 10 years there has been significant development around the village both in terms of a, by Barbon standards, large scale development of 8 houses at Yew Tree as well as several one-off new houses built. There have also been a number of houses extended and enlarged and barns converted to dwellings.

Currently there is land proposed to be set aside to build several new houses on Plot RN4 in Jordan Lane, the old Methodist Chapel is being converted into housing, there is a proposal to build several house on land at Yew Tree Farm and there are 3 planning applications in for enlargement of existing houses and for conversion of a garage to a dwelling house.

All these applications will meet the needs of Barbon for many years to come. The lack of mains drainage in this village, a school, bus service, bank, doctors surgery as well as the narrow lanes leading into the village makes an application of this size quite unsuitable for Barbon. Use of this land for building would deprive the villagers of a possible site for allotments – something they have requested.

Yours faithfully,



Keith Wightman