

FCLE184



30 August 2011

Dear Sirs

**Re: Suggested Site for Development  
RN270 Church Stile/Church Bank Gardens & Slape Lane,  
Burton in Kendal**

We refer to the above.

We write in relation to the proposal to use the above site for development of domestic dwellings.

We object very strongly to any such proposal. We do so on general grounds in relation to the unsuitability of the site and the impact that it will have upon the village of Burton in Kendal, and indeed people, in a wider area and also matters that relate to our property and its position in relation to the suggested area of development.

With regard to the general situation we would put forward the following points: -

1. Impact on services to the area – when the properties were built the builders had to install a small sewerage pumping station, as there are no main sewers nearby. Clearly this would be a problem with a site nearby and certainly the pumping station as it is would not be sufficient.
2. Accessibility to the site – the only access to the site would be down a private road. The main road that runs through Burton is a big busy road, which unfortunately attracts many speeding motorists. We feel that it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident outside the Church Stile road, and clearly any development would increase the hazards involved, with vehicles having to turn left and right into a development.
3. Visual effects on the north end of the village – we realise that we have a personal interest in preventing this development taking place, however to build on this field would be nothing short of a tragedy for the village of Burton. This field can be seen for literally miles around and it offers any person looking at Burton in Kendal an aesthetically pleasing impression of the village. Once it is built on it will never be the same and it would be of severe detriment, not only to the whole of Burton in Kendal, but also to many of the thousands of people who enjoy the countryside and visually attractive villages.

4. Other possible sites – there is a site at the south end of the village which the Parish Council have not objected to. We are unaware of any houses whereas this proposed development would have an immediate effect upon at least 50 dwellings, and a larger effect on the whole of the village.
5. With regard to matters that relate to our property, the field is at the back of our property at 8 Church Stile. The field is steep and as you stand at our kitchen window, your eye line is probably level with two or three yards of the field. Further, the upstairs back window is level with only ten or 15 yards of the field. There is a light problem at the present time, especially in winter. If any developments took place it would virtually block out the whole of the light to our back windows.

Further, to say that we would be overlooked is an extreme understatement. Any properties with windows looking towards us would overlook us to an invasive level, bearing in mind the steepness of the hill.

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6. We, in common with probably most people with a field behind their property, are always conscious of the fact that in this country at the present time there is more and more building occurring on green field sites. We therefore contacted South Lakeland District Council to see whether, if we purchased some land to the rear of our property, it could be used as a garden. We spoke to an extremely helpful lady at the Planning Department who indicated to us that the land could only be used for agricultural purposes, and planning permission would not even be allowed for a garden.

After attending the recent meeting of the Parish Council and discussing the matter with other people in the surrounding area, feelings are particularly high and a petition has already been looked into. We understand that the local authority has to look into possible sites, but it is quite clear that this field is not suitable for development.

We thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours faithfully,



Ian and Julie Greenslade