

6 September 2011

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



Dear Sir

## Land Allocations - Further Consultation: Cartmel Area ON54#

I am writing to object to the proposal to use the site ON54# for housing or for replacement racecourse stables.

This field is in open countryside to the north of Cartmel and is completely detached from the core of the village. Any development would look out of character in the middle of this open space and would be harmful to the setting. This side of Cartmel is the most attractive side of the village – unlike the south east side of the village, the north west side contains only buildings from the 19<sup>th</sup> century or earlier.

The field is also unsuitable for housing because there is no proper access on foot into Cartmel village. The road into the village has a 60mph speed limit and there is no footpath and no street lighting. The corner by Cartmel Village Shop (Post Office Corner) is particularly hazardous, as is the narrow bridge in the centre of the village. Neither of these places could be easily widened nor a footpath provided. Additional housing to the north of the village would generate extra traffic in these narrow areas, which are already very hazardous for motorists and pedestrians alike.

Yours sincerely

Dr Meg Henderson