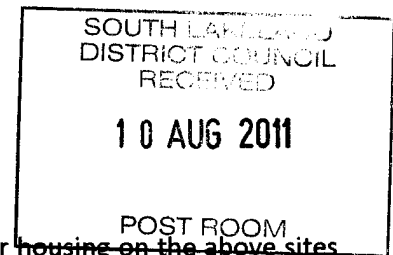


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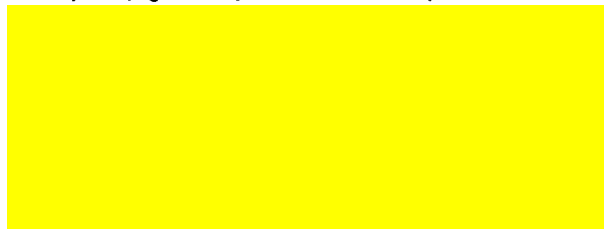


**Sites ON51 and RN256 – car park and housing, Natland Park Farm**

We wish to object to the proposal to allocate land for a car park and for housing on the above sites for the following reasons:

1. The car park is not really necessary. People attending the village hall are able to park at present in the village hall car park or around the village green or along the lower end of Oxenholme Lane and along Natland Road. If people are responsible, this need not cause a traffic problem. The real traffic problem in the village is caused by parents dropping off and collecting their children from the school just in front of our house. However, the parking is only for a short time and the convenience of parking in Oxenholme Lane is such that few would use a formal car park. If a formal car park is nonetheless thought to be necessary, the sensible place to put it would be beside the school so that children would not have to cross Oxenholme Lane. That would mean moving the equipped play area to the green area at the back of the school but, as we believe that is community land, we do not see why that should be a problem.
2. We are prepared to put up with the inconvenience of parking in front of our house because we support the school and think it is important for the village. However, we would strongly object to parking behind our house as well as in the front. That would leave us effectively boxed in by cars and would give rise to disturbance from cars starting up, the banging of doors, people coming and going and headlights at night.
3. The housing would be on a green field site and in our view would go a long way towards spoiling the setting of the northern side of the village in its farmed landscape. People entering the village along the Natland Road would see a suburban development. It would also begin to bring Natland and Kendal a bit closer together and we thought the intention was to maintain existing green gaps.
4. Both sites are on farm land belonging to, and located near to, Natland Park Farm. We overlook the farm land and we know that the land is intensively used for agriculture. We would have thought that the loss of this land would present management problems for the farm and we understand that the owners of the farm are not willing to release either site.

Mr & Mrs B. Blenkharn



9th August 2011