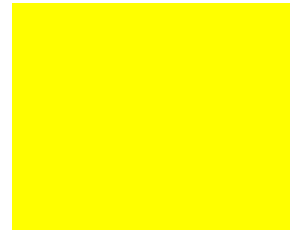


Mr and Mrs D.J.W. Wharram



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Dear Sirs

We write in relation to the Local Development Framework Land Allocations Further Consultation.

1). Our primary concerns and objections are the alternative development sites that have been put forward for the Milnthorpe and Ackenthwaite areas.

Looking at the map of the proposed sites it appears that Ackenthwaite will be surrounded and more than doubled in size if all were adopted. In the Core Strategy that was adopted in October 2010, the land between Milnthorpe and Ackenthwaite was designated as a green gap to prevent the coalescence of the individual settlements and thereby protect their individual character and setting. It would appear that should options RN281, R656, R98 and RN43 be adopted that this would totally contradict these opinions and would not comply with and indeed be contrary to the adopted Core Strategy. These sites would also require access to the main road and all other services, putting strain on the road infrastructure of Milnthorpe which is already well stretched. The site RN42 for access also looks as if it would put undue strain on the road system of Milnthorpe as well as encroaching on the "green Gap" status in the Core Strategy.

There were enough sites adopted in the Core Strategy to satisfy the need of housing for the area for the foreseeable future. We feel however that site RN318 is an ideal location for development as this is within the development boundary and is situated next to a main A road with excellent access. Areas around Ackenthwaite have B roads or less (or none!) and the B6385 is already under great pressure from congestion from both Milnthorpe and Crooklands end of the road.

2). With regard to the Period the land allocation should cover (i.e. ending in 2020 or 2025) we feel that 2025 would be a better time scale. Our reasons for this is that the whole procedure is very unsettling for residents who will spend great periods of time not knowing what developments are going to take place and the uncertainty for prospective buyers of housing who are reluctant to purchase until the building allocations are more firmly settled. A longer period of time between these processes will enable the housing market to move forward instead of stagnating. Also since the whole process must cost a sizable amount of money to complete the costing will be greatly reduced over time.

3). We feel that sites for development in small villages and hamlets should be decided by the local community who know and respect the local area and will decide the development sites with sympathy for the area and its communities

We trust that our opinions are made clear in the above. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



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