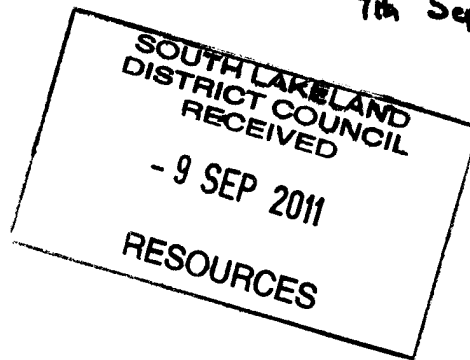


7th September 2011.

Mr. Dan Hudson,
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South Lakeland District Council,
Lowther Street,
Kendal LA9 4DL



Dear Mr. Hudson,
re: Local Development Framework Land Alterations - further consultation

Referring to your letter of 26th July we wish to express our complete agreement with, and support for, the submission made by the directors of Helme Lodge and Gardens Limited regarding the three points on which you have requested our views.

In addition we should like to record some thoughts on the Local Development Framework in general as it affects Natland and the southern approaches to Kendal. Several organisations, with the County Council in the forefront, are devoting a lot of effort and resources to the development of tourism in Cumbria and the Lake District. Indeed Kendal is promoting itself as the "Gateway to the Lakes". As part of this concept the planning of the restoration of the upper reaches of the Lancaster/Kendal canal, which we understand has the support of the District Council (who have apparently already granted a large sum of money to the project), has reached an advanced stage. This will create an additional entry to the town from the south alongside the A65 through beautiful countryside.

It therefore seems illogical that the District Council should now be considering large scale residential and commercial development between Kendal and Natland, thereby destroying the present rural character of the approaches. In its place visitors will be given the impression that they are entering yet another urban sprawl rather than a pleasant market town.

In addition we understand that the views from the new, and very expensive, Cancer Unit at the Westmorland Hospital to the west over the area under consideration for development are considered to have great therapeutic value to the patients. It is therefore most desirable that they be retained unspoiled.

Yours sincerely,

(AUDRIE - PETER BARLEY)