

Alan & Pauline Airey

**The Development Plans Officer SLDC,  
South Lakeland House,  
Lowther Street,  
Kendal,  
LA9 4DQ**



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**SLDC Local Development Framework Consultation Site ref MN22#**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are Alan and Pauline Airey owners and transient keepers of Birk Hagg Farm Singleton Park Road, Kendal , LA9 7PX. This is our opposition to the site reference MN22# with regard to the responses to the Local Development Consultation, The site MN22# being only 150 meters from Birk Hagg House.

Birk Hagg, Grade11 listed, and is recorded on the Cumbria County Council Historic Environmental Record (LB SMR reference No 21930 and SMR reference No 5445). The farmhouse also appears in the Royal Commission for Historic monuments. In the survey commissioned under English Heritage level2 / level3 standard to enable the planning application Birk Hagg old house was dated at 1666 but the survey also said that the old house would maybe have been built 100 years or more years previous to 1666 which would make it one of Kendal's oldest houses still surviving. Copies of the survey report are held by SLDC and tells the full story with photos. The report finishes with "a building that is of local, regional and national importance".

In 2009 with Stephen Winter and ourselves, we had the pleasure of working with SLDC listing officer and the planning officer to bring life back to the old house. We complied with all the requests made by both officers and more, inside and outside to ensure that all elements were in keeping with the historic environment. In 2009/2010 the barns were put through the same exacting requests to Grade11 listing standards, Mr Stephen Winter was at pains to include our thoughts and the old house in the development of the barns. The finished development is a credit to the officers of SLDC and Mr Winter and ourselves. Even the barns are on the First Edition Ordnance Survey map of 1858.

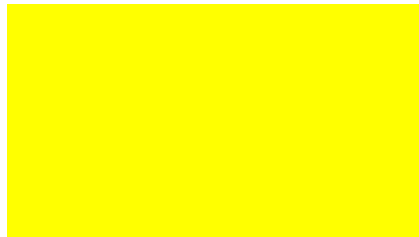
Our opposition is based on the treasure that also belongs to Kendal, Birk Hagg Farm and its environs, We would like to invite the officers that have the decision to make in this instance to visit Birk Hagg to see how

inappropriate it would be for the old house to have to view 21<sup>st</sup> century buildings or even the 21<sup>st</sup> century buildings to view Birk Hagg.

Having seen how demanding the SLDC listing department and the planning department have been in the development of Birk Hagg , we have great trust that SLDC Development Plans Officer will also protect Birk Hagg from this potentially intrusive local development and preserve the environs of Birk Hagg for the next 400 years.

Thank you for considering our objections.

Yours Truly



Alan and Pauline Airey