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Dear Sir

**Local Development Framework –
Land Allocations – Further Consultation
Alternative sites put forward by respondents to consultation**

**Kendal Castle Ward – Site ref: MN22#
(Land beside Singleton Park Road from junction with Parkside Road, Kendal)**

I write to register my **opposition** to any development of **Site Ref: MN22#** for the reasons detailed on the attached two sheets.

I am of the opinion that the town boundary should remain within the existing northern end of Parkside Road and that any development will have an adverse impact on the environment of the immediate surroundings and detract from the landscape character and visual surrounding landscape.

Yours faithfully



Margaret Booth

Enc. 2 sheets

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Opposition to the development of the above site for the following reasons:

- **Environment**

- There is a stream which flows through the site

- ❖ This is the drinking water for livestock in neighbouring fields as well as down stream, any development is likely to affect this
- ❖ In periods of high rainfall the stream floods the lower lying land
- ❖ any piping of the stream will be difficult as in high rainfall great amounts of debris and stones are washed down
- ❖ native crayfish: these lived in the neighbouring parts of the stream until the landowner of site MN22# (Mr Bell) altered the stream in the neighbouring land, without permission, in an effort to alleviate flooding on his land; a survey will need be carried out as in flash floods these are washed down to lie on the lower lying land

- Flood risk

- ❖ In times of persistent rain fall, water drains from higher land across Singleton Park Road to the site and on to find its lowest level, if any development takes place and surfaces covered over, this could pose a serious threat of greater flooding - no one wants to see a Lowther / Silverdale Estate flooding case again or the expensive remedial works to alleviate any flooding
- ❖ Old plans of the Parkside House estate which included site MN22# indicate springs and water systems which again could attribute to a flood risk

- Foul sewerage and surface water

- ❖ The surrounding properties are all on septic tank suggesting that there is no main sewerage pipes in the vicinity, therefore, a considerable large sewerage system will need to be installed and/or pumping station as the land lies in a minor valley

- Wildlife habitat would be seriously damaged through light and noise pollution particularly to the many species of birds – these include all three types of woodpeckers, tree sparrows, nuthatches, gold crested wrens, jays, bull finches, little owls, barn owls as well as winter and summer visitors, also butterflies - meadow browns, gatekeepers and commas

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Opposition to the development of the above site for the following reasons:

- **Highway access**

- The landowner is suggesting access to the site is from the junction of Parkside Road/ Singleton Park Road but in view of the contour of the land in a minor valley it would be a rising ascent out of the site onto a junction which is very busy given that drivers use the roads (Parkside Road/ Singleton Park Road) to bypass the centre of the town. Any enlargement of the access will necessitate the felling of trees, some on which the Council has placed TPOs. Given the gradient of the Parkside Road junction to Singleton Park Road and the contour of the Singleton Park Road to Sedbergh – a slight incline and bend - the construction of a mini roundabout, as suggested by the landowner, would involve major and presumably very costly road works

- **Pedestrian access**

- Pedestrians would need a safe crossing place, given the fact that more traffic would be generated