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To Holme Parish Council

This week I studied the land Allocations Document published by South Lakeland District Council. I find it a rather strange action for them to take in allowing members of the public the opportunity to put forward suggestions as to which land should be used for building development. I do not know how seriously they would consider such suggestions.

My main objection is to the outrageous suggestion of Stuart McMinn to develop virtually any land which lies between the railway and the motorway. This would convert Holme from a village into a small town and destroy the whole nature of the place as we know it. The village would more than double in population and become a dormitory town for workers in Manchester and other cities. The unofficial car park at Crooklands would need to become multi-storey to accommodate those sharing cars and travelling costs.

There are a number of pleasant walks around the village at the moment which would be ruined by housing development. One of these jewels is the walk by the canal. Imagine the vista from the canal bank towards Farleton if houses lined the other side of the canal rather than green fields.

Although McMinn has put his name to this suggestion, I doubt that he is alone in the formation of the idea. It is a provocative act, I suspect by a group with other interests, but it does not have the interests of Holme and its people at its heart. I would be prepared to actively resist this development if the District Council did anything other than dismiss it out of hand, which one hopes it will surely do.

It is easy to imagine the anger and upset the suggestion will cause in the village. We may have an unpleasant time ahead of us if it is not quickly dismissed.

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