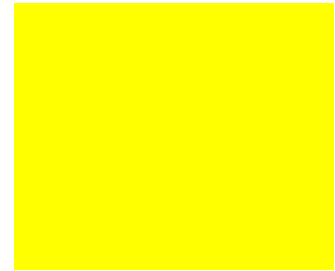


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Re:

**South Lakeland Local Development Framework Land Allocations -
Development Plan Document -
Emerging Options Consultation Edition January 2011**

**Settlement: Burton-in-Kendal.
Map No: 11**

Dear Sirs,

I am very disappointed that you have decided to pursue the idea of developing green space areas around Burton in spite of the earlier opposition voiced by many members of this parish.

To extend the village into the fields to the south and to the northwest of the village will destroy yet more open countryside and add to some of the existing problems here in Burton. Is this really what we need?

Re: Site R681M

The proposed development site that I know best is the land to the east of this drive, and so this is the focus of my comments as follows:

1. Building on green fields alongside the footpath linking the village and Vicarage Lane will destroy part of the local landscape. This is a popular short walk and the



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effect will be to damage the quality of life rather than making the village a better place in which to live (reference your document para 1.2)

2. The character of Morewood Drive will change from being a village drive to become part of a large housing estate. This too will damage the quality of life rather than making Morewood Drive a better place in which to live. (again reference your document para 1.2)

3. Increasing traffic flow will have a significant environmental impact. When busy, there will be more congestion in this narrow drive, especially at start and end of the school day. When quiet, there will be more traffic speeding up and down thereby increasing the risk of accidents particularly to children and the elderly. (reference your document para 2.7)

4. Increasing the flow of rainwater down the road surface and wastewater through the sewers will have a significant environmental impact. (again reference your document para 2.7)

5. Good quality farm land will be taken out of production at a time when food shortages are being anticipated. The residents of Burton would be better served by using part of this land for much needed "grow your own" fruit and vegetable plots. The need for allotments has already been identified.

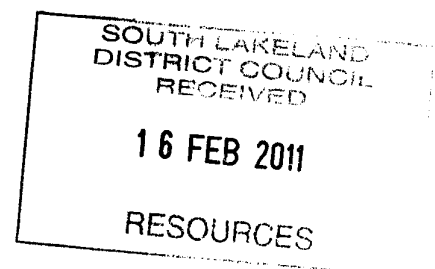
6. Building houses will prevent the use of this land for other forms of recreation such as sledging. Generations of children have benefited from getting outdoors in the snow on these slopes. This tradition will come to an end. (reference your document para 3.80)

7. Burton does not have the protection that is provided by National Park or AONB status, even though it is worthy of this, with a Conservation Area at its centre, surroundings of attractive rolling countryside and several nature reserves nearby. On account of this, there is a danger that places like Burton will be forced to take more than their share of development. The village would be better served by enhancing these attractive assets rather than causing more environmental damage.

The proposals are at odds with a number of statements in your Emerging Options document, as indicated below.

Re: Para 1.2

If your objective is to "make this area the best place to live in", why are you proposing the opposite by making Morewood Drive and Burton a worse place in which to live?



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Re: Para 1.14

If Councils are now setting their own targets why have you not taken into account residents' earlier objections and excluded this site altogether from your proposals?

Re: Para 2.7

If "extensions are only permitted where there is a clear need for development" then building new medium-sized properties doesn't satisfy the needs of this village.

Also, if "extensions are only permitted where significant environmental impacts are to be avoided" why build on this site and damage the local environment?

Re: Para 3.80

In Burton a need has been identified "to encourage more activities for young people". Preventing winter sledging will reduce the availability of facilities.

The "need for more low cost housing and housing for the elderly" is unlikely to be satisfied by the development of this site.

Re: Para 3.81

The statement "sites will minimise impact on the surrounding landscape" is not satisfied by this site development. As it is on rising ground it will be very visible, especially if this is just a first stage development.

I trust that you will take note of the views of the residents of Burton first and foremost in making your decision

Yours sincerely


Reg Hesketh

