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To: Development Plans
Subject: fao Development Plans Manager

Dear Sir / Madam,

I wrote to you on this subject two years ago and I now wish to update my comments on the land allocation proposals. The plans still identify an area to the west of our property for potential development and I still wish to advise that we are totally opposed to any development in this area.

When we moved to this property 12 years ago, my wife and I were advised the land in question was designated green belt, and in particular the land immediately to the west of our property is a natural habitat of much wildlife, particularly birds. As members of the RSPB, we feel very strongly that you should leave this area undisturbed so that we and future generations can enjoy this natural environment on the edge of urban Kendal. Beyond this area of land is farmland, which, again should remain as such. We believe there should be no development in any form whatsoever beyond the existing boundary lines to the west of Kendal.

A benefit much enjoyed by many is the proximity to the countryside, particularly Brigsteer Road, Kendal towards the racecourse and Scout Scar. The land allocation proposals would have a significant negative impact, with loss of visual amenity, destruction of wildlife and habitat, increased traffic with resultant noise and air pollution. This area needs to be protected from development.

Access to any further development would inevitably lead to increased volume of traffic on Vicarage Drive with the consequential further deterioration in road surface quality and congestion.

One area that I believe does need addressing are the number of second homes. These tend to be within the National Park where locals can no longer afford to live. If nationally there was a significant increase in council tax on second homes, then I can foresee many would be sold, and the market wouldn't then sustain such high values for these properties, so a lowering of house prices could well result. This would make them more affordable for locals. Any that weren't sold would benefit the council from increased council tax payments.

I share the view that Kendal has probably grown too fast in the past 25 years, and with the loss of major employers, I find it surprising given the high number of

properties available on the market that there really is such a need for further development.

Please do not develop outside the existing boundaries of the town.

Yours,

Bryn Jones