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Dear Sir,

I am concerned with the plan to build on the green belt between the Oaks and the station. I came to see one of your staff two days ago. I pointed out that joining estate onto estate creates unattractive places in which to live He replied that 'if the planning authority took notice of those who objected to building, there would be no more building in Kendal'. I agree, but venture to suggest that objections would be far fewer if the proposed planning were suited to people's needs by actually *solving their problems*.

For example, vehicles were parked along Oxenholme road until double lines were painted to stop parking. That did not solve a problem; it simply moved it elsewhere. I would like to make two suggestions that would actually solve problems at little or no cost.

1. Instead of the Rugby club site that had been earmarked next to the station we need a Park and Ride facility with access to Oxenholme Road and the station, and via a road running just south of the railway to Burton road and the M6. It would ideally have an airport style waiting area. The buses for the ride into Kendal are already there and could call in every half hour.
2. The bigger estates become, the more dreary and unattractive they are to live in. You already have Heron Hill, Kendal Parks, The Oaks and now you are planning to add a fourth. Estates require features that turn them into *communities*. Thus they need an Inn, a community centre as a meeting place, a 'corner shop' and a post box or post office.

The Gazette notes this week, what most people have also noted, that Kendal is going down hill due to the effect of supermarkets. The primary purpose of supermarkets is to supply food, but they expand to supply clothing, electrical equipment and so on until the shops in the centre of Kendal go out of business. The answer is to stop the sale of everything except food and drink.

I hope you will consider these suggestions

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