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To: Development Plans
Subject: Housing Development Proposals in Heversham

Dear Sirs

Re : Planned housing development sites for Heversham – R41, R48M and RN118M.

I am writing to express my strong objection to the plans for the three sites which have been identified for housing development in Heversham.

It appears that Heversham and Leasgill have been included in the Milnthorpe 'local service centre'. I do not believe that this is sensible. Heversham is over 1.5km from Milnthorpe, with a very infrequent and expensive bus service. Furthermore, the footpath along the side of the A6 is very narrow, with overhanging trees and bushes in part, necessitating pedestrians to step into the road.

Heversham has been described by South Lakeland District Council in recent years as an "unsustainable village". I would support this view. There are no shops, no post-office or medical facilities in the village. The primary school is already over-subscribed.

The largest site which has been identified for housing is to the rear of Park House Drive (RN118M). My objections to this site are as follows:

1. The scale of development at a proposed addition of 99 houses is far too many. At the moment there are approximately 280 houses in the parish of Heversham and Leasgill, of which only 150 are actually within the village. An addition of 99 properties is disproportionate and will totally spoil the character of the village.
2. It is perfectly reasonable to estimate that each house will have two cars, as there are no employment opportunities within walking distance of the village. An anticipated increase in traffic of an extra 200 cars is totally unacceptable along Dugg Hill, which is steep, narrow and frequently completely frozen in the winter months.
3. This field is also elevated above all the surrounding properties and new housing will be visible above the existing properties. This will also totally spoil the aspect and character of the village.
4. The sewer in this road, connecting to Dugg Hill, is already at maximum capacity and blocks regularly. Part of the public sewer runs underneath the garden of one of my neighbours and is a constant worry because of blockages. It is not suitable for any additional development.
5. The bottom end of the field is constantly flooded during the autumn and winter months.
6. The A6 passing the village has a 50mph limit, which is frequently exceeded. In the mornings at present it can take quite some time to be able to exit the village, and there have been two fatal accidents at this location that I am aware of. An additional large volume of traffic would only make the situation worse.

I do hope that you will take my comments into consideration.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Jordan