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To South Lakeland District Council Planning Department
30 November 2015

Re development plan for Arnside Silverdale AONB

Dear Sir/Madam,

May we express our concern at the inclusion of the field to the north of Briery Bank Site A12 in land suitable for housing development. It is strange that this site also includes the next door site A11 which should be considered on its own merits. See attachment 1

Re Site 12 without Site 11

The part of this field which does not include A11 is an important open space for the village giving views across Arnside Moss to Carr Bank and Storth and across the estuary to the hills beyond. Every day people stop and look over the wall to enjoy the vista before them. On a summer evening this is especially popular and people stop and chat to neighbours as they enjoy the view over the Kent. We certainly spoke to your planners in the earlier stages of the consultation about the importance of this field in allowing those walking along Briery Bank to enjoy outstanding landscape and spectacular views both within and out of the AONB. In earlier plans this field has been designated as an important open space. The view across the moss from Briery Bank was one of the factors in bringing about the undergrounding of power wires across the moss in 2012.

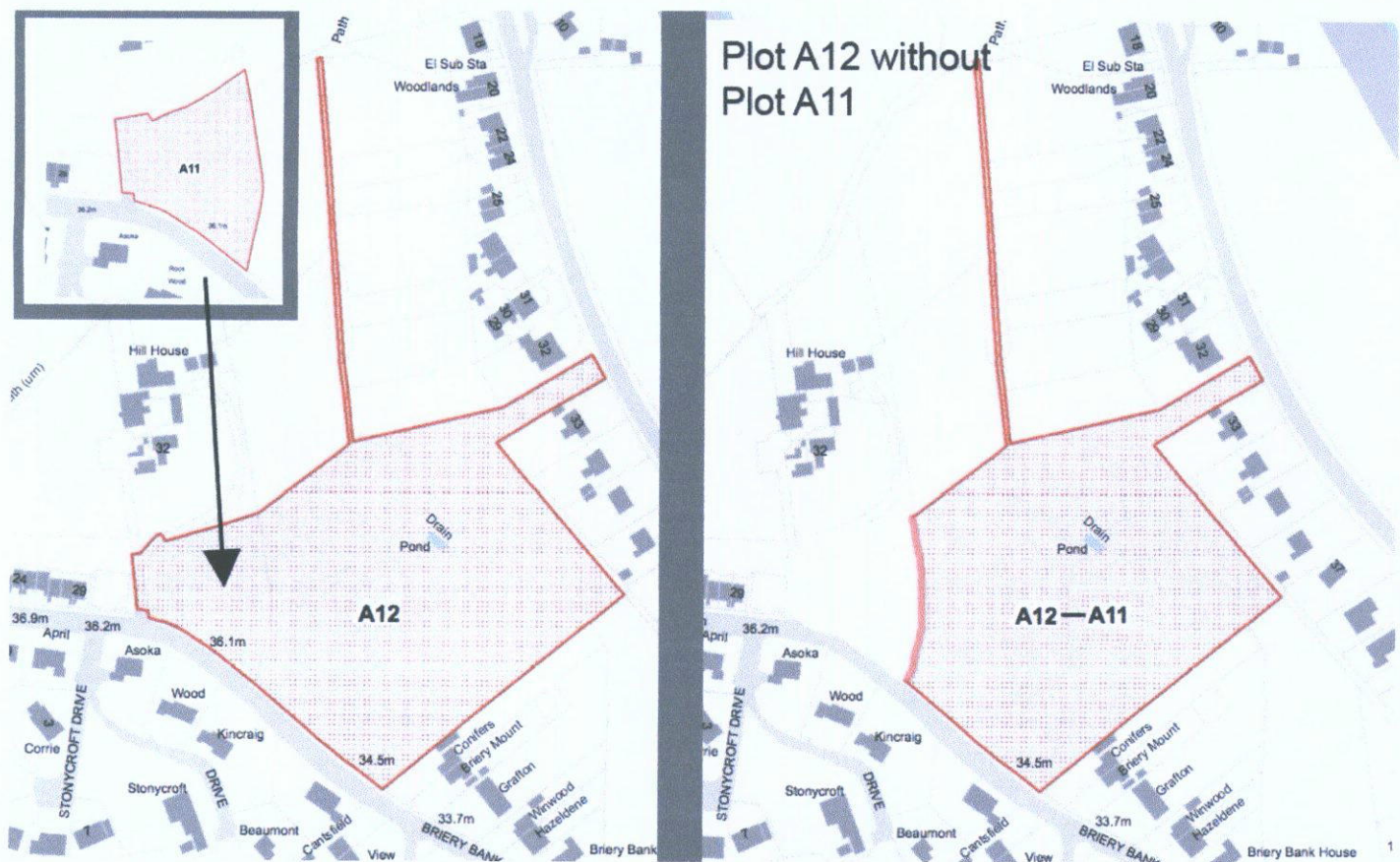
The field itself is on a very steep slope with a natural spring at the bottom which can cause flooding. Access and entry onto Briery Bank would cause traffic safety issues as it would either have to be on a steep uphill slope or go through plot 11 which exits onto a private drive on a blind corner of Briery Bank.

Under no circumstances should the field (site12 minus site 11) be considered as anything other than open space.

Best wishes



Attachment 1





View to Carr Bank and Storth



View across Estuary to Lakeland Hills