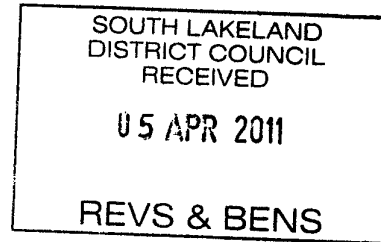


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Fao Mr Barry Jackson
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15th March 2011

Dear Mr Jackson

We are writing to object to the planning process which is currently underway involving land in Natland.

The objections are based on the following grounds which we would like you to consider.

1. In 2004, the latest data being available, Natland Parish Council [NPC] carried out a survey in relation to development. The results were overwhelming in that local residents wanted no further development and for Natland to retain its village character. A summary of these views held is as follows; 99% of residents felt Natland should seek to retain its village character, 85% wanted no further housing development, 71% complained about lack of parking and 69% about the traffic generally.
2. The village currently lacks the infrastructure to support further development, particularly in respect of parking and the road structure with bottlenecks regularly occurring. The addition of the number of cars commensurate with the proposed building will exacerbate this further.
3. There is no need for further development. There are houses in the village that have been for sale for a considerable period – over a year. This includes housing with local occupancy clauses in Park Close opposite one of the proposed sites. The current site on the Holmes garden centre land is already providing further low cost housing in any case..
4. These sites represent a significant development outside of the village boundaries as they currently exist. This creeping extension away from the village centre would not be in keeping with the village identity.
5. People feel that the village has in recent years suffered a disproportionate level of development compared to other parts of South Lakes.. This will be borne out through examination of recent projects.

Although we don't actually live in the village we use the facilities daily and the points above affect us each time we come into Natland. In short we are against further housing development.

Yours truly

