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Sent: 19 April 2011 11:05
To: Development Plans
Subject: Oxenholme development sites

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in connection with the proposals to allocate land in Oxenholme as developemtn sites.

I am particularly concerned about areas RN133M off Oxenholme Rd and area M2M off Burton Road.

It has been a long-standing policy of the Council to maintain a green gap between Kendal and Oxenholme. This has been confirmed as a result of 2 previous planning enquiries in the recent past. The development of any part of the remaining green area between the 2 communities would render this policy redundant. It is my view that maintaining a green gap is an appropriate policy, and that as this is still current Council policy no further development should be considered in this area.

Secondly, this area of land is currently of significant wildlife value with breeding lapwings on the area and significant aquatic wildlife in the beck which flows through the land. This wildlife is increasingly restricted on farmed land in South Lakeland and particularly within Kendal Town area. This too is sufficient reason not to permit any planning development which would threaten or disturb this wildlife.

It is my view that suitable development land exists adjacent to Asda and the hospital sites and that these areas could be designated for development. I would have no objection to such developments.

It is also my view that the current green gap should be permanently be designated as amenity land for the benefit of wildlife and for community use, perhaps through the management of a Community Land Trust.

Best wishes,

Stuart Lockton