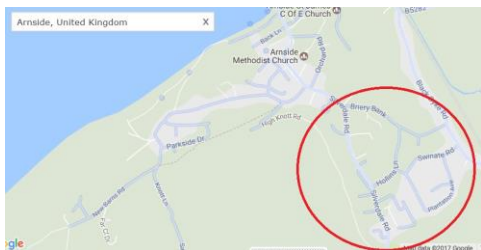


## Arnside & Silverdale AONB pre-publication Consultation Plan. . . .

*for the development of The 2 acre, oblong field (A8?9) situated in the middle of the most densely populated south end of Arnside. Beyond it is the Cemetery on the Silverdale Road.*



The proposal divides the oblong lengthways.



KEY originally built as council or affordable houses  
X marks the old school field now soon under consultation

1. Arnside has no tranquil park away from the traffic. This is the last remaining **Green Space\***.  
\* (sometimes referred to as a **Breathing Space**.)

It would be a shame to build on it. Other generations would wonder why we did.

2. The narrow Hollins Lane, single with passing places, is South of the historical old school cricket field once left in Trust for the people of Arnside. Any development there must have access from the Lane which has developed into a real **traffic hazard**. The field is believed to have an **Agricultural Designation**. We must retain the **hedge** along to roadside with its trees and wild life.

3. Cars, and unsuitably large vehicles, race round the bends and blind corners of this lovely lane used by children going to school, dog-walkers, elderly out for exercise, bicyclists and others. The **traffic fumes** do not disperse easily and become a **health hazard** at times. Any housing in the field would add to all the problems.  
**Highways** constantly ignore pleas for something to be done.

4. In wet weather the rain runs in torrents down from Silverdale Road, **flooding** Hollins Lane and Swinnate Road, (the steepest one in Arnside into which some of the traffic overflows). It finishes up in deep pools on Black Dyke Road. It is believed that all the **drains – water & sewage** - in the area are already running **at capacity** (if at all!)

*If the traffic and other considerations could be dealt with satisfactorily and there was a go-ahead given for a smaller development, 6 – 8 not 14, then please give some consideration to the points below.*

5. It is extraordinary that this once historical school cricket field should be expected to fulfil Arnside's obligation to provide **all** the 14 affordable, or local use houses, expected to be built here. They should more fairly be spread around other sites also up for suggestion of building in them. There are others with much better access.

6. There is only one seat from here on the way to the playing field & shop and that is at the bottom of the steep access from Briary Bank into Hollins Lane. It stands on a tiny grassy bank. That walk is about the furthest some of our older residents might manage. **We have great need of a Breathing Space to walk to for our exercise.**

7. A simple, natural, **enclosed park** with a few seats for resting away from any traffic, (and possible a shelter should it be raining) with a meter-wide path circling it would probably be sufficient. That would help those with mobility scooters as well as the **wild-life and bees**.

8. It would also help promote a **Healthy Community** where people might meet others now that the **Cuts** have brought about a library, once a meeting place, with no Librarian, newspapers or computers. Our buses have been cut to one a day. The busses were once a place to interact with others for the community, the elderly and lonely.

9. The generous 'public space' which has appeared in the most recent Consultation is unfortunately the **wrong shape for such a park. I would suggest dividing the oblong into two areas giving two squares instead of the way it shows on the map.**

Photographs of traffic around Hollins Lane. June 2017



junction of Hollins Lane & Plantation Ave.



passing places



Mobility scooter above blind bend on Swinnate Rd.



Entry from Silverdale Road



walkers & cyclists lower Hollins Lane



blind bends & passing places



Entry from Briary Bank



## Hollins Lane under threat.

In spite of the increased traffic down one of Arnside's oldest lanes there are now rumours that the possible development of some houses in the old playing field (now sheep field) will have their access into Hollins Lane.



There are several blind spots and a sharp bend.

