

18 March 2011

Development Plans Manager
South Lakeland District Council

Dear Sir

We wish to express our objections to the proposed development sites of R462, R151 and R151M and would bring to your attention the following points:-

1. You state in the Land Allocation Development Plan Document - **Appendix 2 – Evidence** ... “this site falls within the Milnthorpe Landscape Character Area”.

The gradients of these sites are very steep and any development will totally ruin the character and appearance of the approach into Milnthorpe. Trying to build below the ridgeline and the necessity of hard landscaping will desecrate the natural beauty and contours of the countryside.

Interestingly one of the reasons why the proposed development RN54 at Beetham with Slackhead was **not** put forward for residential use was: “important local landscape and amenity value within Conservation Area providing attractive views out into open countryside”, yet sites R462, R151 and R151M will sit within the Milnthorpe Landscape Character Area.

2. Development on any of these sites will significantly effect the peaceful environment for the residents of Hartland House Residential Home for the Elderly along with the high number of elderly people in the locality.

3. There is a mature hedgerow which runs the entire length of the private road leading up to Hartland House Residential Home for the Elderly which is a haven for birds and wildlife and should be preserved and protected at all costs.

4. Regarding your statement “the potential to provide access from The Ashes to the west (where there is a field gate)”, please note that the ‘spur’ road off the adopted highway called The Ashes is a private road.

5. You have a document identifying the **Key Characteristics of Milnthorpe** stating that:

- Car ownership is high
- Over 60% of residents drive to work

The addition of a large number of houses on an housing estate will surely increase car ownership and the volume of traffic along the A6 will therefore dramatically increase and even now, at peak times, traffic regularly backs up outside the village boundary.

Yours faithfully

Mr & Mrs P M Shepherd