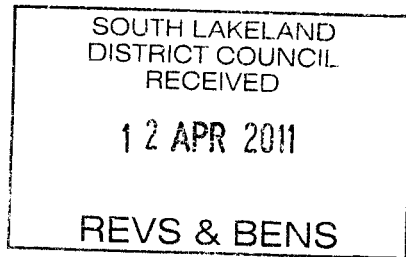


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7th April 2011

Dear Sirs

Re: Proposed Development of 147 dwellings off Castle Green Lane, Oak Tree Road, Rowan Tree Crescent and the Old Sedbergh Road

As residents of Oak Tree Road, we are totally against the proposed development as stated above.

From our own personal point of view, Oak Tree Road is totally inadequate for the traffic this development would generate. In the winter months when snow and ice are issues, the steep incline leading onto Castle Green Lane is a potential death-trap; in fact there is little way of stopping if not gritted. If it were not for my husband and other residents who clear the snow we would be unable to gain access or exit.

Other issues are:

- a) Have you taken into consideration the landscape and setting? These low cost houses would look a hotch potch and not in character with the estate.
- b) There is also an issue with flooding and runoff – The gardens in front of these fields already flood so what hope is there when more houses are built? At the moment there are green fields with soft landscape, a new development would provide a hard surface thus allowing drainage to run off more freely thus causing more flooding.
- c) When we moved to this development we were told that a previous planning application in this area had been refused – how can you now over-ride it?

Cc to Tim Farron, MP

- d) We recently attended a residents meeting where we were given a question and answer session with SLDC. We heard from residents there regarding The Stock Beck Flood Alleviation Scheme. If this development were allowed to go ahead you have indeed got a major, major issue.

- e) Surely there are enough houses standing empty already, this proves we cannot fill the houses we have. In our opinion, surely you are putting the cart before the horse, why not create more employment first and then think about housing. Kendal used to be a thriving town with lots of big companies/factories offering employment but what is there now?

Please have a rethink on this proposed new development after all once a landscape is destroyed it have gone for ever.

Yours faithfully

Colin Slinger

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