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**To:** Development Plans

**Subject:** Re: LAND ALLOCATIONS - CONSULTATION ON EMERGING OPTIONS

For the personal attention of Mr Dan Hudson  
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Dear Mr Hudson,

South Lakeland Local Development Framework  
Land Allocations - Consultation of Emerging Options.

With reference to the above I write with regard to ALLITHWAITE and the effects of the development framework on this a RURAL VILLAGE.

1) Primarily the concern of all of the villagers is that the area will be despoiled by sub standard block building such as that which was permitted by SLDC when the Persimmon "Housing Estate" Greendales was built some years ago.

2) Development will be allowed in places where the increased traffic will be of severe detriment to the current/new residents.

3) Residents are concerned that so much empty housing and so many second homes, all of which are on reduced rates, could be used and are not even being considered by SLDC to make up the shortfall described by government. No realistic justification for the additional housing has so far been put forward to the villagers.

4) It is of concern to the populace of the village that SLDC will not respond to the fact that residents are unanimously against large scale building and instead prefer 'infil' as the preferred method of building *if it can be suitably proved that extra housing is in fact ultimately necessary.*

5) We are constantly reminded of the need for affordable housing for our young people and I largely concur but the majority of our young population leave the area because of their work. This is nothing new - going back to the nineteenth century people had to move to get work - this factor will always be with us. I should add that then locally there was a greater opportunity for work in agriculture locally and this outlet for employment is never going to return.

6) The latest land put forward by Mr John Hadwin and Mrs Mary Dawson is described by Mr Hadwin in his letter as Quote - his words:-

*" The land is in a excellent location in the centre of the village, has good access off Holme*

*Lane & would not have any detrimental visual impact on the village".*

To say this statement is ludicrous is to understate the fact that it is totally untrue.

Mr Hadwin does not live in the village so it would not have any effect on him at all. However a large proportion of the village overlooks this good agricultural land he proposes to fill with housing. This is not only the housing which borders the land in question and all the way up Holme Lane but the elevated housing in other areas of the village which also overlooks the proposed site. To build here would be so detrimental to the village it is indescribable.

Also on approaching the Village from Grange the complete site is overlooked from the main road.

Building here would have a seriously detrimental effect on the visual impact the village has on its current rural surroundings.

It is the one site in the village where all of the development WOULD be visible.

To say that the site has good access to the main road is true but he omits to say that the junction would be on a bend by a public house and would prove to be a very hazardous junction when used by the proposed volume of traffic development of this area would bring.

To conclude I should add that I, and I am sure every person in the village, will use every aspect of the governments Localism Bill to ensure that what local people want is in fact what they will get and not to have something imposed by SLDC which is not within the reasonable needs of the community.

I would like your comments and notification of anything further which may arise before the closure date of 15th April 2011.

Yours Sincerely

Geoffrey K Stebbens

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