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Dear Sirs,

### **South Lakeland Local Development Framework: Land Allocations**

With reference to the above we wish to register our concerns in connection with the proposed land allocations on "Map 8 Endmoor, R83M".

As we understand it, access and egress during the construction phase and after completion would be through Birchfield. This would inevitably increase traffic flow in what is currently a quiet cul-de-sac. The entrance to Birchfield at Gatebeck Road is already a focus for traffic congestion being opposite the village hall and the village school, and we feel that additional traffic would make this junction much more dangerous. Numerous social events are held at the Village Hall, and it is entirely normal for the junction to be congested with overspill parking. It is also on a blind bend and the extra traffic flow from additional housing would probably result in more accidents.

There is a proposal for half the area ear-marked to be used as common land. We already have one playground adjacent to the Village Hall and another one would just encourage more loitering by young kids. This will inevitably result in additional noise and disturbance to existing residents.

An extension to Birchfield to service R83M would cut across an existing and much-used public footpath again raising concerns over safety.

Finally, we have concerns as to how sewerage would be arranged for a development on R83M. The odd numbered houses in Birchfield (the south-eastern side) have not been adopted and we would need assurances that these would either be adopted or that we would be protected against any adverse consequences arising from the development of R83M.

In essence we feel that the character of Birchfield would be significantly altered if the land was adopted for development resulting in safety and environmental issues. As a consequence we would like this letter to act as our objection to the proposals.

Yours faithfully

CM & AJ Terrey

