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Mr. Peter Thornton, Cabinet Member; Housing and Development  
South Lakeland District Council  
South Lakeland House  
Lowther Street, Kendal  
Cumbria LA9 4UF

Dear Mr Thornton,

We are writing to protest about the proposed building of 36 houses (with only 6 social rented) on a Greenfield site adjacent to the Grange Fell B&B labelled RN34.

This further encroachment of the town of Grange up onto Hampsfell – an area of extreme beauty - is a retrograde step. We would call it vandalism. These two fields are too precious to nibble away at and cover with concrete, creating the further problems of 'less rain-soaking area' and increased flooding down Grange Fell Road into the town centre. It has happened recently and will occur more frequently. (Global warming = more rainfall).

It would also act as a 'thin end of the wedge' for developers to extend the town even further in the future. 36 new houses would also mean at least 50 more vehicles using Grange Fell Road, plus extra delivery and service vehicles. It is already a totally inadequate road for the traffic which uses it and most of the properties adjacent to it have to park outside their homes on the road having no off-road parking space. Every new householder would have to use a vehicle to visit shops and amenities in the town.

It is impossible to drive up or down Grange Fell Road without giving way or stopping to allow other vehicles to proceed. It is too narrow for two vehicles to pass – a big hazard on a very steep narrow country road to say nothing of the inadequacy of the drainage system and the total lack of footpaths in its higher regions.

These fields should be designated Open Space in perpetuity – this is an area of outstanding natural beauty and calm – the reason why so many tourists visit – don't spoil it.

Yours sincerely



Mr/D J Thistlethwaite and  
Mrs. J A Thistlethwaite

P.S. We would have talked to you at the Open Day in the Victoria Hall, but regret that we were away at the time.