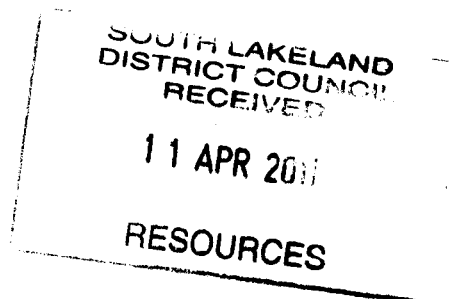


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Dear Sir

**Land Allocation Consultation – Little Urswick**

We have received no communication from you regarding the proposal in the documentation for forty four new houses within areas M10M and RN216M at Midtown Farm which is directly opposite our home.

However, we strongly object to such a large development within a small village and especially on an area which is presently a field (RN216M) – any development should be contained within the area M10M – and should be in keeping with the village and sympathetic to the setting which contains buildings dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> Century.

Such a large development would alter the character of the village and the increased traffic which 44 households would create would have safety implications for what is a narrow road with no paved footpath.

There is a designated footpath through the present farmyard, although the farmer appears to have taken down the signpost. Any development should ensure that this public right of way is retained, easily accessible (i.e not through a garden) and signed.

You have designated Urswick as a Local Service Centre yet there is now no Post Office or shop and you are proposing to axe the bus service completely with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May. Surely your description is no longer accurate. These changes in themselves have a detrimental effect on village life without the threat of large scale modern development in the middle of an ancient village.

There is mention of the 'play area and amenity greenspace' between Urswick Parish Church and Low Furness School. Whilst this is publicly accessible it is indeed privately owned by the charity – Urswick Playground Association.

The village green is an important amenity and should be protected. The proposed site overlooks the green, which is at the centre of the village and it is therefore essential that buildings are in keeping with other properties which surround it.

Yours faithfully

Karl and Dawn Wild