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Dear Sir,

19-3-11

Re Development off Castle Green Lane
Site Reference R121M.

I thank Don Hudson for attending the meeting at Castle Park School recently to give some indication of the plans for this area. He handled an unwelcome situation well.

I would like to make my views known, having also sent in a Response Form already.

- I am against this development on the following grounds
- 1 Prominence of houses due to the general topography of the site,
 - 2 Highways - access would need to be onto Castle Green Lane which is dangerous and would need traffic lights
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lights and/or roundabout on a very busy road.
Parkside Road (for South Kendal traffic) is ~~already~~ ^{RESOURCES} busy and has a construction at the railway bridge.

Traffic for town centre / North Kendal also has restrictions at the end of Sandylands Road and Ann Street, both already high volume routes.

- 3/ Need for additional water supply, sewage and utilities when the area is already struggling to cope.
- 4/ Drainage would impact on the Stock Beck Flood Scheme and this would need to be upgraded at quite high cost.
The drainage would also impact on the existing estates (Oaktree Road, Beech Close, Larch Grove, Willow Drive) and these areas would need to be protected.
On Larch Grove, the road appears to be breaking up and subsiding at one point.
- 5/ The size of development is far too great and houses in this area of South Lakes are unaffordable. Even with "Affordable Houses with 50%/50% equity" are outside the budget of young people. Those I know are moving out of the area because of lack of employment which pays a salary enabling house purchase

4 There will be the loss of agricultural land which will be needed for allotments/growing areas in the near future.

I would suggest a better way forward would be:-

- (a) Obtain land for industrial/employment purposes and get more jobs into the area of South Lakes which pay higher salaries.
- (b) Build autonomous houses near to the above to reduce infrastructure/travel etc
- (c) Take every empty/unoccupied house in the area into public ownership to rent/sell.
- (d) Take every "second home" into public ownership to rent/sell to local people.
- (e) Without jobs, new and well paid, Kendal will become a town of Old Age Pensioners with increasingly difficult budget implications.

With Thanks

