

# Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council

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Dear Sir/Madam

## Re : Planning Application 7/2018/5506, Land behind Cross Howe

It is unfortunate that this application (and we expect others) is made now, when the Council has embarked on organising a Neighbourhood Plan. The whole purpose of such a plan is to consult the local community on how they wish planning to progress, and this application (unintentionally no doubt) would pre-empt that process. We therefore invite the applicant to withdraw it, and if not we invite the Planning Board to refuse it. It should be resubmitted when the Neighbourhood Plan is in place.

We know from a recent public meeting that there is a strong feeling in Crosthwaite that there should be a moratorium on further substantial development, to enable the community to absorb the significant recent additions. This was reaffirmed by strong representations at the Council meeting together with other site specific.

We therefore **object** in principle to the application.

We acknowledge that the field is a mess and we would welcome a later application, subject to the following points :-

- The drainage is a major concern: the Planning Board must be satisfied that the arrangements are fully satisfactory, both as to the existing tanks and soakaways on the site, and as to the new proposals. There must be **no** risk of any pollution reaching the River Gilpin.
- Local Occupancy clauses should be imposed on all new housing (preferably in accordance with our proposals in the planning review – copy attached)
- We rather doubt if there is that much local demand for three and four bedroom dwellings.
- These large dwellings are in a row. They are clunky and unimaginative. Contrary to what is said in the submission documents, they do not echo existing houses.

We **object** also on the ground of design.

Yours sincerely

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