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Dear Sir/Madam

Local Planning Strategy Development Plan

Thank you for the recently received documents.

Todwick Parish Council strongly objects to certain aspects of the proposals and in particular to the encouragement of additional development off Kiveton Lane between Todwick and Kiveton Park. This will bring Todwick and Kiveton very close together where currently there is a lovely open view to the Pennines and a 500 yard break between the two conurbations. The parish council believes that the Planning Authority must take account of vistas and open spaces and requests that this aspect is maintained. The existing gap between the two villages should be maintained. The present housing extents have formed the natural boundary at the crest of the hill.

The square pond at the Western side of Kiveton Lane opposite the farm entrance drive is shown on Architect's sketches of the estate in the early 1600s. The pond is believed to exist because of the level of the water table. It is also the home of a species of Mosquito that is the same as that in Africa which carries Malaria. This Pond was netted regularly by Sheffield University as recently as the late 1980s, in order to monitor the insect.

There is an area delineated on the proposed plan, zoned as "non-preferred" i.e. further west, to the north of the existing Kiveton Park housing. This area could be substituted as "preferred" for the area closer to Kiveton Lane.

It is considered that the boundary for the housing area should be more triangular with the point possibly to the Western end of the fairly recent development known as Kiveton Gardens.

Yours faithfully

J R Walker