

Text of Complaint Sent to Hazel Blears, Secretary of State for Communities & Local
Government – March 7th 2009

I wish to lodge a formal complaint that two planning applications associated with the Lancaster development which was called in by GONW in a January 14th letter to Lancaster City Council, have not been included by the Planning Inspectorate to be considered at the public inquiry (P.I. Reference APP/A2335/V/09/2095002).

The applications I refer to are Lancaster City Council Reserved Matter Planning Applications 08/00865/OUT and 08/00864/OUT for residential developments associated with the main Centros application 08/00866/OUT.

These two applications claim to be stand alone applications, but rely frequently on documents associated with the main application and should therefore be considered by the public inquiry. If the main application is denied, it will substantially alter the effects of these residential developments on the local community and environment. In particular, the documents associated with these applications fail to consider numerous issues that would apply if the main application does not proceed, as well as ignoring numerous national, regional and local policies.

In terms of 08/00864/OUT which I am more familiar with, some relevant issues include the loss of green space which would have been compensated for by new green space in the main development, transport network impacts, on street parking impacts, loss without replacement of short stay parking and coach parking which affects tourism potential, loss of local amenity and a complete absence of consultation on these two as standalone developments. The documents submitted with the application are full of inconsistencies, erroneous assertions, numerous errors and incorrect references to drawings which either do not exist or are part of other planning applications made by this applicant. I urge you to intervene and have these applications considered at the public inquiry.