Letter 1

Dear Julie Birkett,

Re: Abandoned/Unfinished Development of land in Sawrey Court.

We, the undersigned, request you take stronger action regarding the above.

We understand that an "Enforcement Notice" was served about 4 years ago, but nothing has come of this. It is unacceptable to have to endure this unsightly mess, year after year not knowing if this will ever be resolved. If there is some further, stronger Planning Procedure that can bring this matter to an end, we urge you to exercise this now.

We wish this letter to be read at the next Committee Meeting plus that you notify the District Council Building Control and request that they assess the integrity of the long-exposed block work. The site is now very overgrown, dilapidated and totally unsuitable within a Conservation Area.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Speakman
Stuart Churchill
Elizabeth Lecky-Thomson
Peter Clucas
Joyce Cooper
Leonid Curwen

Millie Crabbe
Unknown Signature
Matthew Bruce
Paige Birkett
J Carter
Unknown Signature

Letter 2

From: Terri & Malcolm Churchill

March 8th 2026

Subject: The Decaying Development at Sawrey Court

Hello,

We have long been aware of the abominable eyesore on land within the area of Sawrey Court and probably abhor the derelict area nearly as much as those of you who are burdened by the presence of it on a daily basis. At the very least it is a blight on the community within our picturesque and historical town and an ugly scar on the memory of those involved in creating Sawrey Crt who possessed a different vision of the location completed.

We do not serve on the Parish Council but due to a conversation with a retiring councillor who had been in correspondence with the National Parks Authority regarding the above mentioned land situation. Malcolm wrote to the NPA in May 2023 requesting action. I have contacted and forwarded photographs to various departments within what is now Westmorland and Furness Council requesting support in resolving this matter.

Recently a reply from Jackie Ratcliffe, Area Planner at the Lake District National Park Authority, stated that there is a current Enforcement Case concerning the land (E/2022/0168) and my emails had been forwarded to the Enforcement Team.

I have updated the Parish Council on precise actions taken and requested that they offer additional weight in bringing the matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

Now, I encourage that you too may find the time to express your feelings, personal or otherwise, about the unsightly plot of land at Sawrey Court to the Enforcement Team.

Case No: E/2022/0168

Email: enforcement4@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

Address: Westmorland and Furness Council Planning Enforcement Team, South Lakeland House, Lowther Street, Kendal, LA9 4DQ

I am unskilled in this area and a time scale may indeed be involved, but hopefully your combined neighbourly efforts will offer additional evidence to the case, resulting in a beneficial conclusion.

We can but try!

Best wishes,

Terri







How can this be allowed within a Conservation Area, National Park + World Heritage Site?



