

Murton Parish Council – 17th May 2021

‘Statement of Community Support’ for refused of outline planning application for Erection of Detached Self-Build Affordable Dwelling – Mr M Harrison & Miss M Wilkinson

- **Our Local Connections & Community Ties-** Matthew and i are a young couple that would love to settle down in Murton Parish and be able to stay close to our family. I Megan have always lived in the parish and for the last 11 years I’ve actually lived in Murton, my grandparents have lived in Murton parish for 50 + years latterly in Murton for the last 27 of them. Matthew is from Newby (A village in the Eden District) and has lived there since birth.

The above satisfies the strong local connection criteria as per HS1 of the Eden Local Plan 2014 – 32.

- **Employment Links -** After being made redundant from my full time job as a baker at Country Fare, Kirkby Stephen, due to COVID pandemic, I started baking from home and selling my produce from Brackenbank View. I have both tourist and local sales. Matthew works for a local company, T J Ewbank Logs, Bolton. His job includes delivering logs. Matthew also runs his own agricultural contracting business, working throughout the local area.
- **Parish Age Mix & The Changing Demand For School Transport -** I’m sure you will understand it is important everywhere to have a good age mix, this is something Murton parish is lacking. I for one can remember at the age of 14 getting on the bus for school at Murton and at least 15 other kids getting on with me, now there is a mini bus with about 2 or 3 kids getting on.
- **Establishing And Keeping Young Families In The Parish -** It is important for rural communities like Murton to retain young people by allowing them the opportunity to buy or build there own home. There is a huge shortage of affordable homes in Eden district.
- **Our design** – Our self build would be of the appropriate scale (max 150sqm) and the design would reflect existing buildings within the settlement as well as inline with AONB new design guidelines.