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SLDC Land Allocation Development Plan

Dear Sir,

Grange Over Sands has been neglected by SLDC ever since the reorganisation in 1974. I believe there was a plan for the refurbishment of the Grange Lido prior to the change and the plan was cancelled by SLDC. The lame excuse given was that the pool was leaking so the place should be shut.

Thirty Nine years later, the derelict Lido is still there, its pool still holds water but it definitely not fit for purpose now

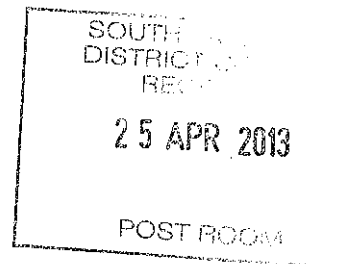
Because the people of Grange wanted a Health and fitness centre with a pool a sum of money was obtained from the National Lottery and donations from the people of the Grange and its environs. We got our health centre with a fantastic pool. How the eyesore, out of place building was not thrown out by SLDCs' planning authority and building inspectors we probably will never know. When the centre had to be closed due to bad management, SLDC did not want to know. Consequently it fell into disuse and now we have two derelict pools.

In the mean time we have to make do with the small pools of local hotels, which give nowhere near the scope for a good energetic swim, or walk the promenade also in need of refurbishment.

The Liberals, (I will not grace them with the Democrat title because they do not know the meaning of the word "Democracy") need to find land for building and Surprise, Surprise, they suddenly remember Grange Over Sands with all the green field agricultural land around it.

Green belt agricultural land should not be used for housing. If in the future for any reason we cannot get food from abroad, we will have to rely on our farmers to provide food for us. They will need every hectare of land to be at their disposal to do it. In my opinion the use of this land will be bad management if not criminal.

SLDC are planning on the premise that Grange and district is a Key Service Centre, however, Grange Over Sands does not meet SLDCs; definition of same, in as much as it



does not have; Good road links, good public transport links, a secondary school, a Hospital or a petrol station.

Grange Over Sands is a small town, reliant on visitors to a large extent. SLDC, cannot see this. The gardens on the promenade and the Tourist Information Centre were once funded by the SLDC who withdrew from financing and tried to shut the TIC. So now these necessities are covered by volunteers. SLDC, however, have not reduced the rates by any amount.

The B5277 road is not capable of handling heavy traffic. A traffic survey was carried out between 8am and 9am and 5pm and 6pm on the 29th of January 2013, very clever, very sneaky. The maximum traffic flow and congestion begins about 10am and begins to ease about 5pm. During these times main street is often blocked both ways.

Yours faithfully,

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