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To: Development Plans
Subject: Development Plans for Grange-over-Sands

Dear Sir

We wish to strongly protest with regard to development plans for Grange-over-Sands. We moved here 10 years ago from a very built up area of West Yorkshire, where due to house building over the years, one important unique historical area was merged into another to become one urban sprawl between towns and areas which now have no identity whatsoever.

Grange-over-Sands is totally unique as an Edwardian town with beautiful views across the green fields and across the bay. The view from across the bay will be totally distorted when again the outlook is of housing full stop and no green areas which tourists and residents alike value so much.

Did anyone from SLDC go into Grange on Easter Saturday? Perhaps not, as the town was totally gridlocked. We heard people complaining about lack of parking and Main Street was a complete bottleneck with traffic unable to move in either direction as people tried to park in the few spaces at the top of the hill.

The route into Grange is on a B road, not at all suitable for further heavy traffic.

Drainage is a main problem with regard to all the fields in Grange. Proposed soakaways, as in the proposed plans for R89, will silt up within a few years and due to the bedrock beneath this area water will have nowhere to run but to flood.

We believe that housing needs are based on Grange being a Key Service Centre. As previously stated, we do not have the infrastructure here in Grange, we do not have a permanent Police Station, we do not have a petrol station and very close to many people here, the access to a hospital is by at least 2 buses and more than 30 mins away.

Please ask the people who live here whether they want their green fields and areas merging, taking away for ever the unique historical area which must be saved for future generations. There are at least three brownfield sites for building, please leave the green field sites for the future.

Risedale Hill is a notorious twisting B road (as are all the roads in Grange) and to our cost trying to walk along the path, which is only to one side of the Hill, is extremely

dangerous, with the way in which the road and path camphor and push pedestrians into the road towards the road and traffic. The traffic swings around the corners and at the crest of Risedale Hill the sun is sometimes so strong that all traffic is blinded. We will not let our grandson wheel his bike up this footpath, knowing the dangers ourselves.

We are totally against the spoiling by building on green field sites in our Edwardian town of Grange-over-Sands and submit this to the inspector.

Kind regards
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