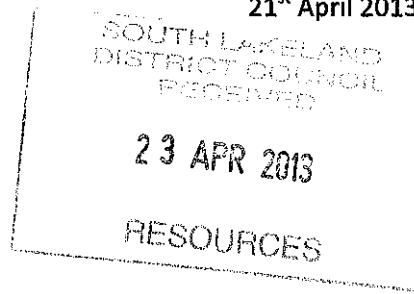


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For the attention of the Planning Inspector

21st April 2013

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Dear Sir

Land Allocation Development Plan : Grange-over-Sands

While I support the need for ongoing and appropriate development in this district, I write to record my apprehension and concern for the future of Grange in the light of proposals which I understand envisage 735 new homes in this area by 2025.

- (1) Is there a real need for so many houses? There is already a considerable number of unsold properties in Grange. Who will live in these new houses? Has the Council conducted a local survey of housing requirements in the current climate? As a householder I have certainly never been asked to participate in one.
- (2) Has a proper traffic survey ever been carried out? I understand a count was made in January 2013 at a time of minimal winter traffic flow without any tourist input. The daily movement of traffic through Grange is already very high and I understand there are no proposals for road improvements. I cannot see how the one existing minor main road will be adequate.
- (3) Grange's character derives from its history as a quiet Edwardian town with a pleasant aspect of land- and seascapes and with this background it depends to a large extent on tourist trade. There is no local manufacture and little significant agriculture in the locality. If the service roads become increasingly clogged up and the landscape is reduced to faceless ribbon development (as seems proposed) the town will no longer retain its attractions and will die which will be to noone's benefit.
- (4) In Grange itself car parking is already very limited making access for shopping and business difficult. This is due mainly to the steep hills and natural features which inhibit commercial development. Artificial population increase will result in an increasingly difficult situation.
- (5) Grange is not a significant employment centre and local services are very limited. There are no hospital or secondary school, nor even a filling station or a supermarket.
- (6) Many of the proposed development areas impact on Greenfield sites. While it cannot be gainsaid that Grange itself was built on agricultural land, it is necessary that a balance of green areas should remain to enable the town to maintain a reasonable quality of life for its inhabitants.

I hope very much that these comments may be given due consideration.

Yours faithfully

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