

Wildlife List

Roe Deer	Lapwings
Badgers	Curlew
Fox	Coal Tit
Otters	Blue Tit
White Claw crayfish	Great Tit
Trout	Goldfinch
Bats	Greenfinch
	Blackbird
	Robin
	Wren
	Bullfinch
	Chaffinch
	Tree Creeper
	Thrush
	Spotted Woodpecker
	Dove
	Rook
	Crow
	Starling
	Robin
	Dunnock
	Jackdaw
	Magpie
	Buzzard

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Put the brake on plans for new homes

There can be no doubt there is a need for the provision of affordable housing in this area but the way the LibDem-controlled South Lakeland District Council is promoting this cause should concern to residents. The driving force is political dogma and the potential end result could be disastrous.

In order to make it financially attractive for landowners to provide land and developers to build houses, there is a need to build three times more houses than are justified so that one-third of these is affordable.

This is clearly nonsensical and the result is that large swathes of open countryside will be developed just to provide a relatively small number of affordable houses that would better be accommodated in more suitable locations.

Many of the sites adopted by SLDC will attract premium prices and the affordable houses will only be affordable at first sale after which they will simply follow the market, albeit at a small discount. Additionally, many existing affordable houses have already been extended to a point where they will no longer be accessible by first time buyers.

The haste in which the LibDems are pursuing this issue should be a concern to us all as the coming Localism Bill will prevent councils from treating residents in such a cavalier fashion.

The consultations that have taken place have proved to be a demonstration of contempt towards residents. The very same planners who produced the proposals then considered the many objections and summarily dismissed them as "noted or taken into account" without any discussion of the merits.

A submission will be sent to the Government for consideration but I fear the points of objectors will be buried. The government inspector will not see the level of concern or validity of our arguments.

There has been no independent scrutiny of the consultations as the councillors simply voted along party lines.

There is an urgent need to apply the brakes and that can best be done by everyone who has concerns, signing up to the petition at www.gadag.org.uk