



SOUTH LAKE LAND  
 DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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To the Development Plans Manager,

We our writing to state that we believe the SLDC's LADPD to build so many houses in Grange over Sands (over 500 in total) is UN SOUND the reasons being:

- Grange over Sands does not meet the definition of a Key Service Centre:
  - Grange has no hospital, the nearest is in Kendal which is 30 miles round trip.
  - No secondary school or college for pupils 16+.
  - It is not the main employing centre for the local villages.
  - Grange does not have good road links to other South Lakes Service Centres.
  - The closest petrol station is 12 miles round trip.

The LADPD does not consider local businesses who depend on tourism, there is traffic bottle necks on Main Street now, this will only get worse, if so many more houses get built. Businesses have to take delivery's even if they don't have back doors, leading to more traffic congestion. This is not considered.

Why was the traffic survey completed on the 29 January. Surely a better indication of the volume of traffic going through Grange is at a time of year when Grange has high tourism, not January.

**FLOODING** - We own a house in Kents Bank (next to Long Greaves Wood), we have had our garden flooded numerous times over the last few years along with our neighbours (this has been reported to SLDC), our opposite neighbour has had his garage flooded (Which he uses as a utility room). We have been informed that a soak away in Long Greaves Wood will be rebuilt to try and rectify the problem. Building more houses on MN25M is just going to make the situation worse, as the land acts as a sponge for excess rain water. The flooding hasn't just effected us, it is a wide spread problem around Kents Bank.

Green Gap – 200m is not sufficient to protect agaisnt coalescence between Allithwaite and Kents Bank which will mean a loss of identity for both.

We feel strongly that Grange over Sands is a unique coastal tourist destination, which is in danger of being ruined by over building, loss of green spaces, loss of identity and having a serious flooding problem in Kents Bank.

SLDC should conduct a survey that at least 50% (not just 18.7%) of Grange and surrounding villages paticipate in so a true picture of how many houses are needed, improve local infrastructure such as roads and land drainage first and then focus on developing brown field sites if more houses are required.

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