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Dear Sir,

SLDC's land allocation development plan to proposed approximately 506 new dwellings in Grange-Over-sands with most of them in Kents Bank area in green field open spaces as against development in brown field sites first and also appears to being well over developed in this area of Grange.

- Drainage, including surface water run off

SLDC appears to allow building another 25% of Grange-Over-Sands without upgrading the inadequate drainage system in which we experienced problems with flooding in the last few years, i.e. Kents Bank and Cart Lane

- Highway, Traffic access

The road through Grange-Over-sands is only a B road and substantial amount of new traffic will put untold stress in the structure and surrounding areas which are suffering wear and tear already with the adverse weather conditions over the last few years adding to the problem.

Development of that size will inevitably mean that more traffic will seek to enter the town B5277 and in the area could be looking at addition of 1000 daily vehicles journeys impacting on the town, this will have an adverse affect on the amenity of Grange-Over-Sands, and road safety could become an issue, also the needs for emergency vehicles.

- Green open spaces. Impact on the local area

Green fields situ helps to an unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas.

To keep Grange-Over-Sands and other surrounding villages their special Victorian historic character help to prevent merging of neighboring villages into one and other.

The encroachment to a green field will destroy more habitats of wildlife i.e. bats, bird's Inc owls and deer.

Surely the redevelopment of derelict and other urban land must have priority over green field sites.

- Pavements and pedestrians

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There is inadequate pavement space between Grange-Over-sands and Allithwaite on one side of the B5277 and there isn't any room for one person sometimes let alone 2 so this makes you walk on the road which is particularly dangerous with the speed of the traffic.


- Community facilities

With a proposal for an increase in population we have no additions of primary and secondary schools and this will put added strain on the existing ones. The local medical facilities would be over subscribed; the local hospitals could also come over stretch, plus there is a long journey to either Barrow or Kendal.

I feel to approve an application for major housing scheme without vastly improving the infrastructure of the area would be premature.

The openness of Grange will disappear with the consumption of green field sites and I feel increasing the size of Grange as mentioned it could have an adverse effect on tourism and local businesses.

Yours Faithfully



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