

Sent: 03 July 2012 16:42  
To: Development Plans  
Subject: SLDC Final Land Allocations DPD-R121M

Dear Sir,

I am emailing you in response to your email informing us of the invitation to comment on the conformity of the DPD with the new National Planning Policy Framework(NPFF).

The comments below refer to Land Allocation R121M in particular but also are general to the SLDC DPD.

1. The landscape assessment carried out by SLDC was vague and erroneous in content. It included gardens in Sedbergh Road and no account was taken of the topography.

2. An independant report commissioned by the Town Council (The Landscape Character Assessment - Galpin) was ignored by SLDC. As was the Friends of the Lake District report on the character of the landscape.

3. SLDC refused to consider the Town Council's strategy based on the Taylor Review. This review warns against building further and further out on the edges of existing market towns.

4. SLDC has ignored the number and variety of objections, which leads one to think that this is primarily a politically motivated plan that will play to the popular vote as opposed to safeguarding, consevibg and enhancing the natural environment.

5. Stock Beck flood alleviation scheme and the effects of climate change has been disregarded.

6. There is no detailed plan of the infrastructure needed to support these plans i.e. costs, time, resources needed. etc

7. Biodiversity and the Great Crested Newt Colony were disregarded as an issue despite it being protected.

8. No vision statement for the Town or serious proposals to show how these plans will be achieved have been incorporated. For example - where will the jobs and work come from to allow 'affordability' of the houses planned.

Your sincerely

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