

SECTION 6 – OPTIONS FOR MEETING THE OBJECTIVES AND DELIVERING THE VISION

Paragraph numbers below refer to the paragraph numbers in Section 6 – Options For Meeting The Objectives And Delivering The Vision – of the Discussion Paper

Paragraph 6.2, Table 1

As stated above, it is noted that the criteria set down by Lancaster District for development includes access to local shops, education facilities, health facilities and valued community facilities and Table 2 under paragraph 6.4 demonstrates that Warton does not have shops, health services or a library.

Question 26 – Brown Field Sites within AONB would need to be prioritised. Thereafter those sites which have least material adverse impact on the landscape as per the criteria set out in Sections 1 and 2 of the Discussion Paper.

Paragraph 6.16

On the basis that the Discussion Document excludes sites that do not meet the basic criteria, it would seem that only the Arnside and Silverdale settlements fall even to be considered and those sites themselves are of international importance as per paragraph 4.2 of Section 4.

Paragraph 6.17

Applying the criteria for automatic exclusion would seem to exclude all or most of the Warton sites and the same may apply to the other settlements about which I do not have sufficient knowledge to comment. Certainly, the following bullet points taken from the Discussion Document would seem to exclude the Warton AONB sites:-

- Development representing a clear breach of the national planning principles relating to AONBs
- Development which would cause harm to the landscape or settlement character of the AONB or the visual amenity of the AONB in a way that could not be mitigated;
- Development on land which is at risk of flooding.

Paragraph 6.18

There is little scope for effective renewable energy within the Warton settlement and there is clear risk of flooding.

Question 27 – already covered above but in particular sites W87, W88, W89, W92 and W93 are inappropriate given the material long-lasting and probably permanent adverse impact on the landscape in respect of the first 3 sites and the unacceptable effect on the traffic flow on Sand Lane in respect of the latter 4 sites.

Question 28 – No. On balance I would favour identifying development boundaries given that those boundaries, when being set, could identify suitable Brown Field sites but I do not think there is any clear-cut answer to this question.