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# CUMBRIA GEOCONSERVATION

Conserving Important Geological and Geomorphological Sites in Cumbria

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Dear Mr McNeill,

## **Consultation on Draft Arnside and Silverdale AONB Development Plan Document**

Cumbria GeoConservation is a voluntary geological conservation group working to record and protect important Local Geological Sites (LGS) in Cumbria, formerly Regionally Important Geological Sites (RIGS). Please note that geological sites in the Lancashire part of the AONB come under the Lancashire group.

Cumbria GeoConservation is pleased to note that the 'unique limestone geology' is fully recognised in this plan as underlying the special landscapes and beauty of the area. It is also reassuring to read (in 4.2 Natural Environment) that development will not be permitted where there is high geodiversity. However we feel that, in 4.2.16 in the paragraph about Local Wildlife Sites should also include mention, probably with a list, of the **Local Geological Sites**. Please note that this is their official name, not Local Geodiversity Sites, as on page 37, 4.2.22.

There are four LGS in the Cumbria part of the AONB, 5/013 Arnside Foreshore, 5/014 Arnside Blackstone Point, 5/034 Far Arnside shoreline and 5/041 Arnside Sandside Railway Cutting, this latter being also a GeoTrail. Full details of their designations are held by the Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre in Carlisle.

We would ask also if Local Geological Sites and Cumbria GeoConservation can be added to the Glossary of this document.

We wish to be kept informed of developments.

Yours faithfully,

Sylvia Woodhead