

Drs J & K Edwards

Dear Sir/Madam

**Arnside & Silverdale AONB Development Plan Document.....Consultation Response**

We wish to comment on Section 6 of the Issues and Options Discussion Paper as follows:-

**Site B31: Land North of Beetham Holiday Homes, Slack Head Road, Beetham**

We object to any development on this site for the following reasons:-

01 Important woodland and wildlife habitat will be destroyed. With the increase in woodland diseases we need more than ever to protect our woods in our AONB.

02 There would be increased traffic from the site into Beetham via Leighton Beck Road

This road is almost single lane, has severe bends, it has no footpaths and already can get congested as vehicles try to pass each other

03 There are already many caravan sites in the AONB and we do not think any more pitches would be appropriate because of their impact on the landscape.

04 The higher parts of Slack Head already suffer from very low water pressure....particularly in the summer at weekends.....this is when the caravan parks are most busy. More caravans could aggravate this situation.

**Site B73: Marble Quarry, Slack Head**

We object to any development on this site for the following reasons:-

01 We understand this is the old landfill site and as such is not suitable for building.

**Site B74: Land West of Slack Head, Slack Head**

We object to any development on this site for the following reasons:-

01 There will be increased traffic from the site into Beetham via Leighton Beck Road

This road is almost single lane, has severe bends, it has no footpaths and already can get congested as vehicles try to pass each other. It is extremely dangerous for pedestrians.

02 The higher parts of Slack Head already suffer from very low water pressure. An increase in housing in this area would make this situation worse and United Utilities could have a major problem on their hands.

03 There are no facilities in Slack Head, no public transport, and no footpath down into Beetham. As such this site is not suitable for Affordable Housing.

04 Houses in this area are generally too expensive for local people.

05 Already Slack Head is very visible from the South and we must say it has a negative impact on the topography and relief of the woodland landscape. We are sure the development would not have been granted in the first instance had the AONB been in existence at the time. Extending the development on this site would only add to the problem.

06 Important woodland and wildlife habitat will be destroyed. With the increase in woodland diseases we need more than ever to protect our woods within our AONB.

07 All dwellings in Slack Head are on septic tanks as there is no mains drainage available.

### **Site B75: Land at Deepdale, Slack Head**

We object to any development on this site for the following reasons:-

01 This site is an old quarry and the topography would make it very difficult to develop.

02 There will be increased traffic from the site into Beetham via Leighton Beck Road

This road is almost single lane, has severe bends, it has no footpaths and already can get congested as vehicles try to pass each other. It is extremely dangerous for pedestrians.

03 The higher parts of Slack Head already suffer from very low water pressure. Any increase in housing in this area would make this situation worse and United Utilities could have a major problem on their hands.

04 There are no facilities in Slack Head, no public transport, and no footpath down into Beetham. As such this site is not suitable for Affordable Housing.

05 Houses in this area are generally too expensive for local people.

06 Important woodland and wildlife habitat will be destroyed. With the increase in woodland diseases we need more than ever to protect our woods within our AONB.

07 All dwellings in Slack Head are on septic tanks as there is no mains drainage available.

### **Site B76: Land North of High Cote Lane, Slack Head**

We object to any development on this site for the following reasons:-

01 The site sits on part of the Limestone Pavement which we understand has a Limestone Pavement Order on it.

02 There will be increased traffic from the site into Beetham via Leighton Beck Road

This road is almost single lane, it has no footpaths and already can get congested as vehicles try to pass each other. It is extremely dangerous for pedestrians.

03 The higher parts of Slack Head already suffer from very low water pressure. An increase in housing in this area would make this situation worse and United Utilities could have a major problem on their hands.

04 There are no facilities in Slack Head, no public transport, and no footpath down into Beetham. As such this site is not suitable for Affordable Housing.

05 Houses in this area are generally too expensive for local people. There are currently 4 properties and a plot of land on High Cote Lane and Leighton Drive that are for sale and some of which are unoccupied. This questions the need for more development if the current supply cannot be fulfilled.

06 Already Slack Head is very visible from the South and we must say it has a negative impact on the topography and relief of the woodland landscape. We are sure the development would not have been granted in the first instance had the AONB been in existence at the time. Extending the development would only add to the problem.

07 Access to the site is very restricted, and would be over a private lane that co-owned by the residents of High Cote Lane

08 Important woodland and wildlife habitat will be destroyed. With the increase in woodland diseases we need more than ever to protect our woods within our AONB.

09 All dwellings in Slack Head are on septic tanks as there is no mains drainage available.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully

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