



Consultation Response Form

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This response contains 8 pages including this one.

Please tick the box if you would like us to notify you when the Land Allocations Development Plan Document is submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination and when it is adopted by the Council.

Land Allocations - Further Consultation

Please use this form to comment on:

1. Alternative sites put forward by respondents to the earlier Land Allocations consultation (January - April 2011);
2. Time span of the Land Allocations document
3. The approach to development in small villages, hamlets and the countryside.

Please complete one of these sheets for every response you make.

(Please also note that comments made in earlier consultation need not be repeated.)

1. Alternative Sites

Please let us have your views on alternative sites suggested by respondents to the previous consultation. (Please note, these are not SLDC suggestions.)

Which site do you wish to comment on?		
Settlement (e.g. Natland)	Site reference number (e.g. RN298#)	
Kirkby in Furness	EN58#	
Please indicate below whether you support, support in part or oppose the suggestion that this site be included in the Land Allocations document (please tick as appropriate)		
Support <input type="checkbox"/>	Support in part <input type="checkbox"/>	✓ Oppose <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain your reasons/add your comments below (continue on a separate sheet/expand box if necessary)		
<p>EN58# is in the middle of a residential area in the very centre of the village of Kirkby in Furness. There is a motor vehicle garage at the front of part of the site and there are currently frequent complaints about noise pollution from the garage. The rest of the front of the site facing School Road has four residential properties and two residential flats. Use of this land for employment use would cause additional noise and pollution for residents living in this area as well as the residential area of Hershell Terrace.</p> <p>Access for employment use is a major consideration for not using this site as the main access road to Beckside which would need to be used for this site, is only 4 metres wide which would make access by large industrial vehicles difficult. The junction of Beckside Road with the A595 is also a difficult junction where visibility is very poor and there are frequent accidents. To make this junction safer yellow lines would need to be in place around the corners to prevent parked cars blocking visibility. On the right hand corner is the village shop which relies very heavily on passing trade as it is the only shop on the roadside from Barrow to Millom. However yellow lines would adversely affect their trade (they have stated this in a letter in the previous consultation) and would lead to the closure of the shop leaving the village without a shop. The shop is a factor in why Kirkby has been seen as a favourable site for affordable homes.</p> <p>Further consideration would need to be given to the infrastructure. The A595 from barrow to</p>		

Kirkby is a narrow road with some difficult areas and from Kirkby to Grizebeck is even narrower with single wide use in place in several places. Additional traffic for an employment area in Kirkby would make the situation on this road considerably worse. The road is so narrow in places that to do maintenance on the road it needs to be closed and was indeed closed for four weeks last October between Kirkby and Askam. Drainage is a problem as during recent heavy rains the junction was very heavily flooded. The village suffers from frequent electrical power cuts (the shop has a generator) which would further make this area unsuitable for employment use because in the current financial climate no firm employing staff would want them wasting valuable time, while they are being paid, waiting for the electricity to come back on.

EN58# is a sloping site and would therefore require considerable excavation before being suitable for building employment units which would change the shape of the hill which is a drumlin left over from the ice age.

2. Time Span of Land Allocations Document:

Should the Land Allocations document plan period remain 2003 – 2025 or cover a shorter period, for example, 2003-2020?

Please indicate whether you support, support in part or oppose a reduction in the time span of the Land Allocations document (please tick as appropriate)

Support

Support in part

✓

Oppose

Please explain your reasons/add your comments below (continue on a separate sheet/expand box if necessary)

Residents in Kirkby are already struggling to keep up to date with the different consultations. Many residents have been unaware of the further consultation Summer 2011 and the number of responses to this consultation on the SLDC website supports this.

3. Small Villages, Hamlets & Open Countryside

Do you think the future housing and employment land needs of small villages, hamlets and open countryside are best met by: -

- A. Allocating sites for houses and employment in the Land Allocations document; or
- B. Communities and/or developers bringing forward sites for housing and employment for consideration under relevant Core Strategy policies, through neighbourhood plans and/or other local initiatives.

Please indicate which of the above options you would support. (Please tick as appropriate)

A

✓

B

Please explain your reasons/add your comments below (continue on a separate sheet/expand box if necessary)

Local people understand their own area. They know the needs of the village and these are usually reflected in Neighbourhood plans. Cumbria as a whole and especially South Lakeland is a wide diverse area with very different communities making it very difficult for sites to be allocated for houses and employment from one central place. New houses have been developed in Kirkby in Furness e.g. Beckside Court and also individual houses on sites that have become available and this has worked well. The Population Statistics on births of children for the last ten years from the Cumbria PCT show that the birth rate for the ward of Low Furness and Swarthmoor has remained fairly static indicating that within the ward there are young families with children.

Thank you for your views and suggestions.