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As a resident of Levens I am writing to object to the inclusion of RN291 and RN282 within SLDC's proposed development plans for Levens.

STOREY HOMES have proposed the number of houses built in the fields off BRIGSTEER ROAD be increased from 24 houses in R682LVM (which was proposed in the original land allocations) to 70 in this new consultation. They also want to include it in the first round of development in the village. This is of no great surprise to local residents. It is a beautiful location with fantastic sweeping views across to the Lakeland Fells. It is a local amenity enjoyed by residents and visitors alike and many stop to admire the view. The fact that an overwhelming 73% of respondents to the April 2011 residents survey objected to development on that site shows the strength of feeling regarding this site. It is a site of landscape importance and to allow development there would be a loss of a well loved amenity.

Also access to these sites would be through the centre of the village. That'll be 5 years of works vehicles traipsing through the centre of the village and trying to squeeze through the many single lane pinch-points in the village. Sites closer to the dual carriageway would be better for the impact on the local residents.

I still do not see what is so 'sustainable' about Levens that it warrants that quantity of new houses being built. The public transport links are very poor and about to be reduced further. The Post Office closed in Christmas 2010. How will over developing Kendal's rural areas will benefit employment or business in Levens?

Regards

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