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Dear Mr D Hudson

RN233# Land at end of Highcote Lane and
Leighton Drive, Slackhead.

Further to your request for further consultation on South Lakeland Land
Allocations, we wish to comment on the above piece of land as follows:-

Your Core Strategy has the requirement to provide sufficient housing and
employment land to meet both statutory requirements in the "regional spatial
strategy" and the Council's objectives for increasing the supply of affordable
housing and developing the economic base.

01 This piece of land sits in the AONB and occupies a prime position in
Slack Head. House prices are already highly inflated in the area and any
development would be for further high priced dwellings. However the need for
further development is very questionable as there are several houses for sale in
the area which are not selling. Developing affordable housing on this very
valuable land, unfortunately, would not be a viable option.

02 The access to Slack Head is through Beetham up a very narrow and winding
lane with no pavement. This is already very congested (cars, hgvs, farm
equipment, caravan sites) and very dangerous particularly for pedestrians. The
20mph speed limit is ignored by most drivers and the road is used as a short cut
to Storth and Arnside. Any further development of Slack Head would only
aggravate the situation.

03 There are no amenities in Slack Head and the local school and village shop
are all down in Beetham. As there are no bus services access to these facilities
will have to be by car or on foot. For small children the latter, as explained
above, would be highly dangerous and as such more school runs would be the only
option for young families.....adding to further congestion.

04 Slack Head suffers from many power cuts and additional dwellings would
probably aggravate the situation. There is already an ongoing water pressure
problem on High Cote Lane with some dwellings experiencing no water at first
floor level at certain times in the summer.

05 The land forms part of the AONB and this part of Slack Head, being the
highest, has the most impact on the environment as it is visible for many miles.
This has been aggravated over the years by the removal of the tree preservation
order on High Cote lane itself, and by householders wanting to benefit from the
extensive views.

As such we do not consider that this site satisfies your Core Strategy
requirements and should therefore not be carried forward to the next stage.

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