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Dear Mr Mc Neill

SLDC Land Allocations – Next Steps and Further Consultation

I am writing to convey the comments made by Heversham Parish Council in response to the above consultation :

(i) **Alternative** sites proposed in response to the recent Land Allocations consultation are considered as follows but the Council feels that, as with the original sites, many of the alternative sites appear to be contrary to the policies in the Core Strategy :

- **RN324/R109** – the Council has no objection to the development of a small number of dwellings along the side of the road at the southern end of site RN324 but object for there to be any further development to include the area identified as site RN109.
- **RN325/RN310** – the Council believe there could be problems with respect to the development of these sites. It is understood they are part of a land banking scheme and that extra planning restrictions have already been imposed. If these problems could be resolved then the Council would remain in support of a small number of dwellings on site RN310 as it could be considered as being an 'infill' site as tested against the Core Strategy.
- **R14** – the Council believe this site could be considered to be an 'infill' site but it is understood that planning permission for development of this area has previously been rejected as it was outside the (now abolished) development boundary and it is also understood there is a tree preservation order with respect to the site.
- **R167 & RN 221** – the Council has no objection to the development of these sites in the context of having to identify possible sites for development but believe that any development of this area would only be appropriate if the access issues could be satisfactorily resolved.

- **E15 (includes the area covered by EN57)** – the Council has no objection to the development of this site if it was on the basis that it would be instead of development of E15M rather than in addition to it.
- **RN39 (includes all of RN296)** – the Council has no objection to the development of site RN296 but would not be in favour of the development of the entire field (RN39). However there are reservations with respect to backing up a housing development adjacent to an employment development.
- **RN251** – the Council has reservations regarding the development of this site. It is not part of the recognised flood plain but a small lake forms at the south end after heavy rain.
- **RN252** – the Council object to the development of this site as the proposal to create an isolated development in a new area of the village does not appear to make sense and therefore believe development of this site would fail if it was tested against the Core Strategy.
- **RN445** – the Council remain in favour of the development of this site provided that adequate alternative parking is provided by Dallam School on its remaining Heversham campus.
- **RN316** – the Council has no objection to the development of a small number of dwellings at the end of Parkhouse Drive however the whole of the site (1.43 hectares) is too big for this purpose.
- **RN326** – the Council strongly object to any development of this site as there are concerns regarding access and the effect such a development would have on the village and landscape. At 4.3 hectares development of this site is believed to be contrary to the policies in the Core Strategy.

(ii) **Whether the Land Allocations document should cover a shorter period to an earlier end date** – the Council would prefer the Land Allocations document to cover a shorter period to an earlier end date of 2020 instead of 2025.

(iii) **Whether sites for development should be allocated in small villages and hamlets** – the Council believe the policies in the Core Strategy supported by Neighbourhood Plans would be a more appropriate way of identifying and meeting development needs in a small village such as Heversham & Leasgill in preference to the Local Development Framework process of allocating sites for development.

Yours sincerely

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