

HELSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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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 Helsington Parish Council in response to the above consultation :

(i) **Alternative** sites proposed in response to the recent Land Allocations consultation are considered as follows :

- **E53/E54/E55** – the Council objects strongly to any development of these sites as the land is used for agricultural purposes and as such should be protected for the sustainable production of food. It is also considered that development on such a large scale would change the landscape and character of the area and could not be considered to be 'infill' or 'rounding off' which is contrary to the policies in the Core Strategy. It is understood that the land would not be made available for development anyway as it is owned by the National Trust.
- **ON56** – the Council would support some development of this site but only if it was on the basis that the upper reaches of the canal between Tewitfield and Kendal had been restored first.

(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 longer period to a later end date of 2025 instead of 2020 as this would allow more time for building the infrastructure to keep pace with the impact of any development.

(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 small villages and hamlets.

Yours sincerely

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