

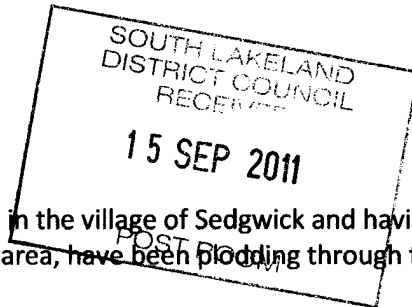
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12th September 2011

South Lakeland District Council
Development Strategy Manager
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Dear Sir

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I am a new Resident in the village of Sedgwick and having been alerted to the current furore about development in the area, have been plodding through the imbroglio of documents on your website.

Land Allocation Development Plan Document – Emerging Options Consultation Edition January 2011

I am writing regarding the above document and would like to make some comments:

I came across a Sunday Times Article on 4th September 2011 which stated that 23,114 new dwellings were required in the whole of the North West Area between 2012 and 2016 (5 years). This raised considerable doubts about the correctness of the above Document verses the Newspaper Article.

The document refers to the total number of dwellings required between 2012 and 2025 as 400 per annum (item 2.5), i.e. 2,000, in total between 2012 and 2016, (5 years). My question is: Why?

My reasoning for this question is that the total number of dwellings shown as being required for the whole of the North West area, is 23,114. The North West area has a total population of circa 12,000,000. The total number of dwellings SLDC seek to build in the same period (2,000) is for an area which currently supports a population of circa 110,000.

Using the above figures, this means that SLDC seek to build 8.6% of the dwellings when they currently have less than 0.92% of the NW population, a factor of nearly 10. I am concerned about this, and if these facts are correct, why SLDC is proposing to subject their area to such a disproportionate building programme?

The SLDC area is largely a lightly populated pastoral area, and I fail to understand why you seek to destroy it with rampant construction!

I await your comments with interest.

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(Copy to Clerk of Sedgwick Parish Council)